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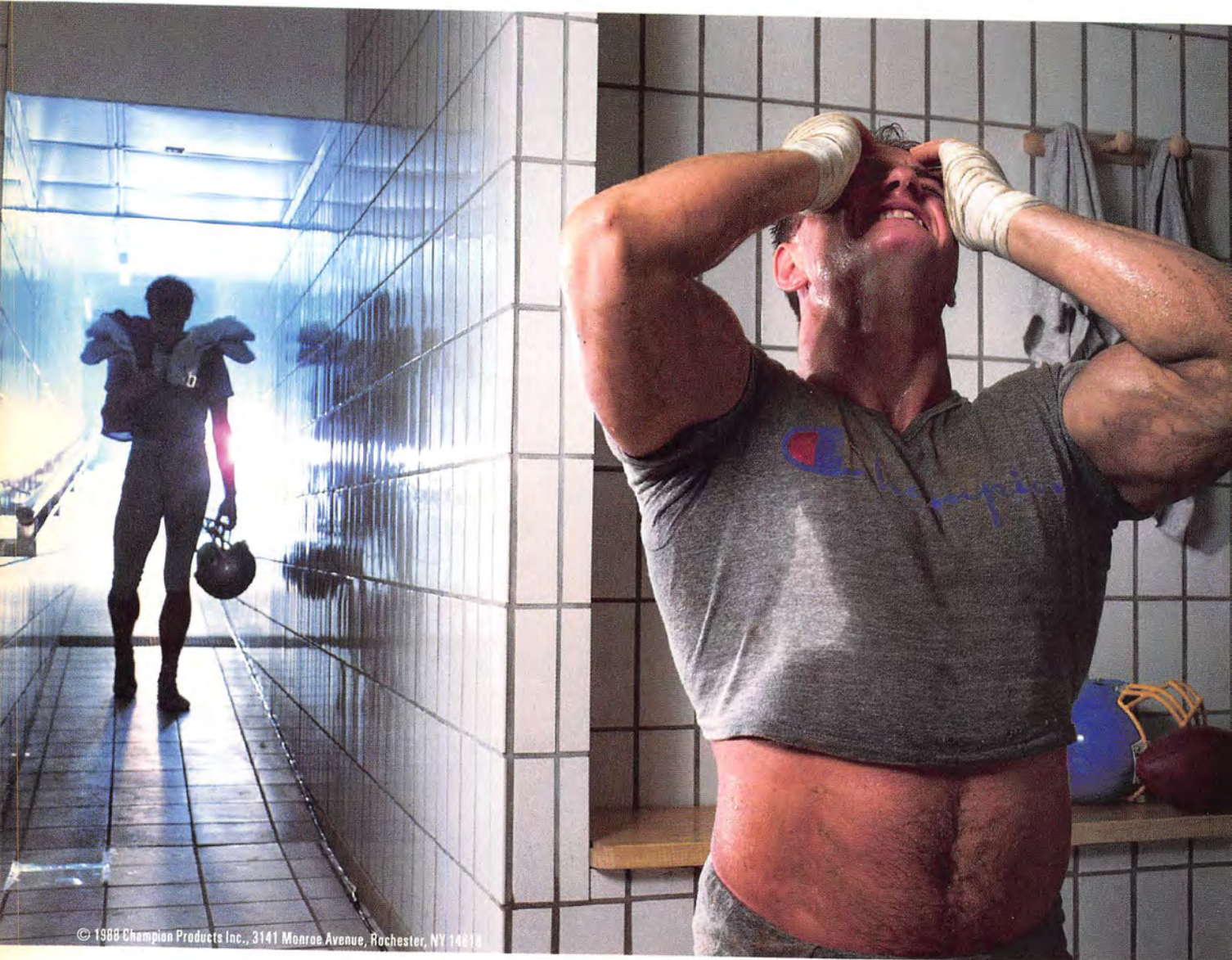
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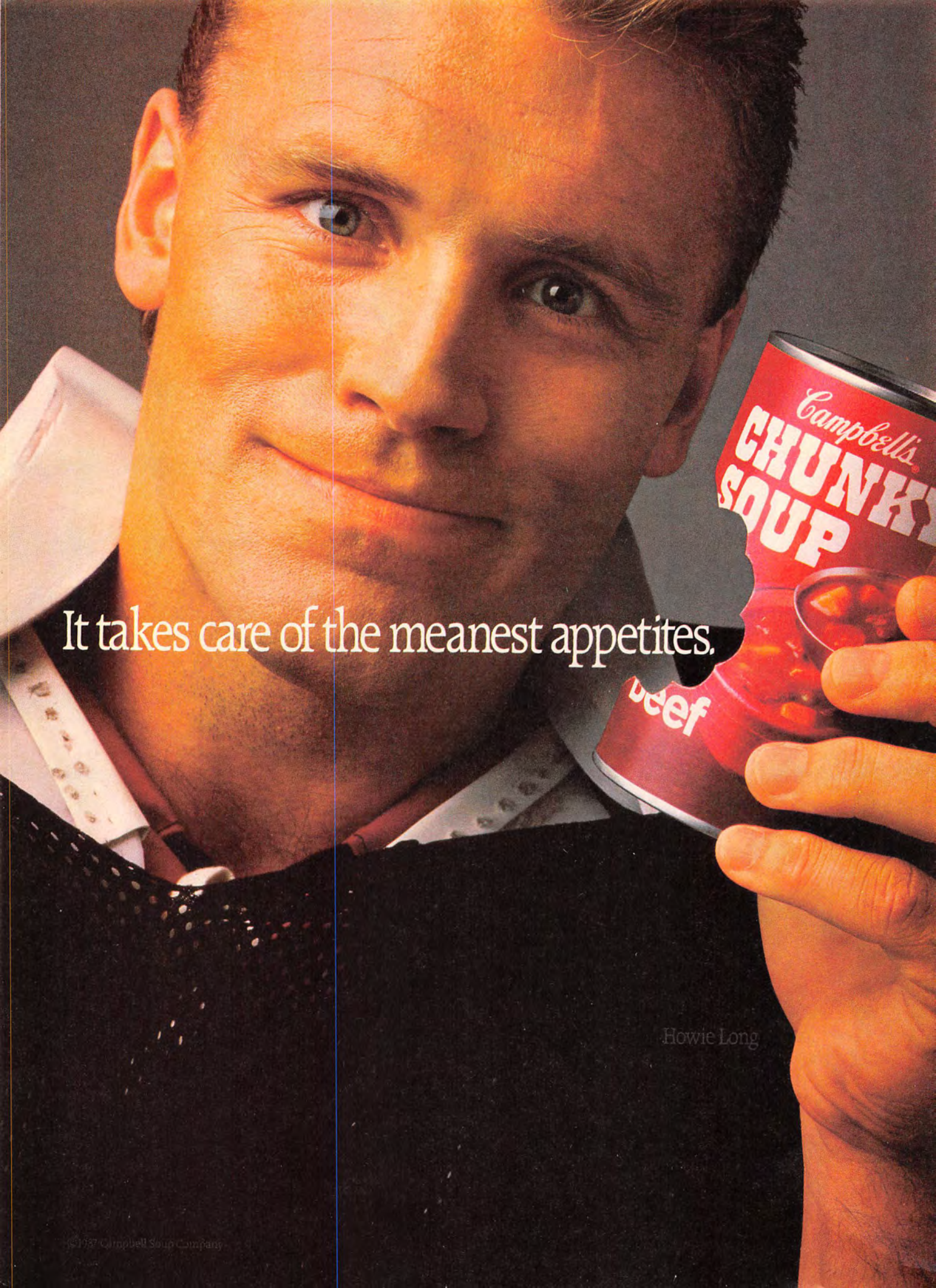


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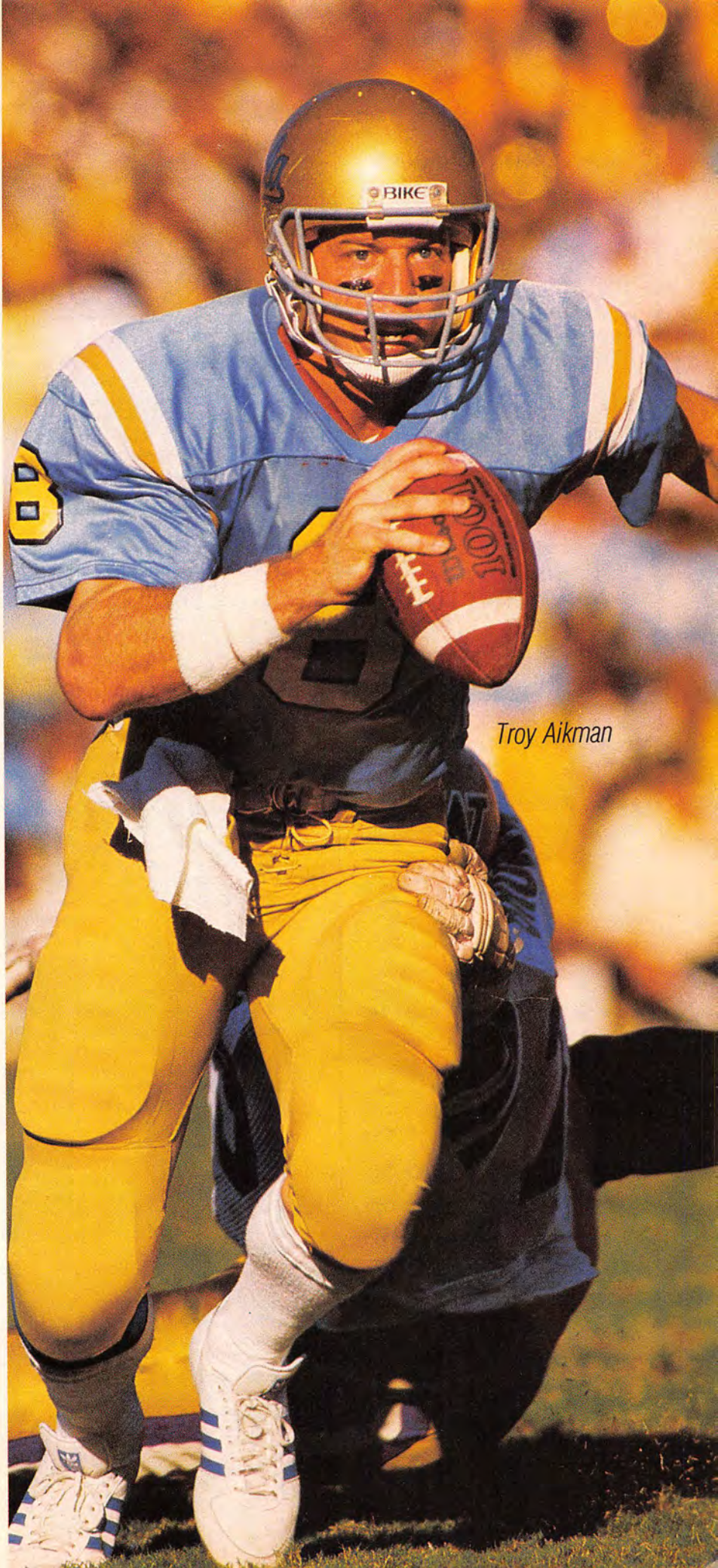
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Recently, a friend and I spent about five hours trying to figure out the NFL quarterback ratings, and I wondered if you might be able to help us.

ROBERT PECKHAM Glenwood, CO
The NFL is preparing a pamphlet which explains the rating system. We spoke to the Elias Sports Bureau, which computes the statistics, and were told that the formula is a complex one that involves (1) average yards per pass attempt (2) percentage of completions (3) percentage of interceptions (4) percentage of touchdown passes.

I'm a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and I've never seen a newsworthy on them. Can you give me some information.

JOHN WASHINGTON Greenville, MS
The Steelers now offer a newsletter. For information, write to them at Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. There is also Steeler Digest (P.O. Box 92, Pittsburgh, PA 15230).

I buy your Baseball magazine solely because of your Targets for Hitters and Pitchers. I wish you would expand this coverage to include stolen bases, runs, doubles, etc.

HUBERT MCDOWELL St. Augustine, FL

I recently read your preview of the Chicago Cubs in the Street & Smith's Baseball. I think you are misjudging them; you didn't give them a fair chance to prove themselves. They have a good team and really need some support, which you did not give them.

There will be a lot of surprised non-Cubs fans this year when the Cubs WIN the World Series. With the new staff and Don Zimmer, they will be a lot better. I guarantee!

CHERYL A. FRYE Indianapolis, IN

While I do not like the New York Mets, and I can understand Met fans' dislike of the Chicago Cubs, I would appreciate some less biased reporting of the Cubs before Opening Day. The last-place prediction is understandable, but the smart aleck remarks about the team are unnecessary and uncalled for.

To contrast, there are no negative lines in the first-place Mets' summary. Your magazine is for everyone, not just Met fans. I don't mind the prediction, but I would have appreciated some positive comments and real analysis about the team.

SCOTT BEALLIS, Joliet, IL
The Cubs last won a pennant in 1945. In 1987, despite the presence of two National League MVPs, a Cy Young Award winner, and a relief pitcher who saved over 30 games for a record fourth straight year, the Cubs finished last again, by 18 games. Street & Smith's contains opinions as well as facts. In our view the Mets will field a much stronger team in 1988 than the Cubs.

A wee note to express thanks for your Baseball publication—a terrific reference item for the season, seasons past, and seasons of the future. Keep up the good work.

W.H. MAC EWEN St. Peters, Nova Scotia

As an avid reader of all your magazines, I am counting the days until your College Football issue is available. But I would appreciate it if you could identify your cover for each region. I live in the South but my heart pulls for Nebraska, and I was wondering if you were planning on putting Steve Taylor on your Midwest cover along with someone like Jamelle Holieway, although he may be redshirted. My prediction for your Western cover is Troy Aikman.

MIKE MONDELLO Lakeland, FL
You've read our minds, Mike. See page 6.

I have been a reader of Street & Smith's College Football for many years. Needless to say, I think the content is very good, especially the schedules and your predictions on the outcomes of each game. Over the years I have written requesting the schedules of Division I-AA and Division II and that you add depth into the regional scouting reports. I am glad to see that you listen (although not necessarily by my account) to your readers.

As you approach your 50th year, I would like to see a pictorial listing of all your previous covers. I believe many readers would like to see that, reminding themselves when they first purchased their books.

STEVE A. FALCO Stockton, CA

I am writing in regard to Street & Smith's Pro Football. I enjoy the magazine and have been purchasing it since the 1960s, but I cannot understand why for the last three or four years the issue for Mississippi has had Dan Marino on the cover. I think you should put someone different on every year. Someone from the New Orleans Saints would not be bad for this part of the country.

DALE NATIONS Brookhaven, MS
Dan Marino earned his way onto the Southeast cover of Street & Smith's—Dallas's Tony Dorsett and Houston's Warren Moon appeared on the Southwest editions in 1987-88—as the premier player on the best team in the region. While Marino was rewriting the NFL record book and leading the Miami Dolphins into the playoffs, the Atlanta Falcons, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and New Orleans Saints were finishing well below .500. But we have predicted a division title for the Saints in 1988, and a cover is in their future.

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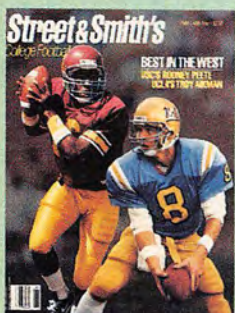
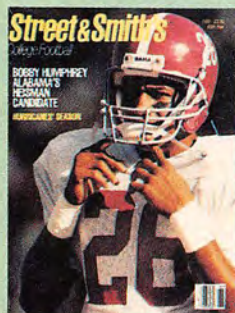
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That sent us back to the files, where we discovered that the last six Heisman recipients had appeared on *Street & Smith's* previous to winning the award: Miami's Vinny Testaverde, Auburn's Bo Jackson, Boston College's Doug Flutie, Nebraska's Mike Rozier, and Georgia's Herschel Walker. We missed Marcus Allen of Southern Cal in 1981, when we featured Stanford's John Elway instead on our Western edition.

Other Heisman winners who have appeared on *Street & Smith's* are: Ohio State's Hopalong Cassidy, Navy's Roger Staubach, Florida's Steve Spurrier, UCLA's Gary Beban, Southern Cal's O.J. Simpson, Stanford's Jim Plunkett, Auburn's Pat Sullivan, Ohio State's Archie Griffin, Pittsburgh's Tony Dorsett, and Southern Cal's Charles White—16 in all.

As for 1988, we feature six players on five covers. All but one are quarterbacks: Rodney Peete of Southern Cal and Troy Aikman of UCLA out West, Steve Taylor of Nebraska in the Midwest, Todd Ellis of South Carolina on the Atlantic Coast, and Mike Power of Boston College in the East. Alabama tailback Bobby Humphrey graces the South edition, and he might be the best candidate for the award. Running backs have dominated the voting for 53 years.

The coaches at two of Alabama's chief rivals in the Southeastern Conference rave about Humphrey. Louisiana State's Mike Archer said: "I think [he] is the best player in the country. He can do so many things with the football—running, catching, and throwing. He personally beat LSU last year by himself! 35 carries for 185 yards." Pat Dye considers Humphrey the most impressive opponent Auburn will face in 1988. "He possesses the ability and qualities necessary to be a great running back," he said. Joe Paterno of Penn State concurred, calling him "a slashing runner with speed and power. The determination and intensity he displays indicate that he is a very disciplined and hard-working individual."

But at least five coaches we polled cast their votes for Peete. "He had a great game against us last year," said Jack Bicknell of Boston College. "He has had three excellent games against us," said Don James of Pac-10 rival Washington. Bob Snyder of California talked about the poise of Peete, Dennis Erickson of Washington State was impressed with his versatility and Denny Stolz of San Diego State his leadership.

Peete's chief competition could come from cross-town rival Aikman. They'll go head-to-head in L.A. on November 19 in a game that could determine the Rose Bowl host as well as the Heisman Trophy.

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Hurricanes' Season

Miami was the national champion and Florida State the runner-up, the first time two teams from the same state finished No. 1 and No. 2.

by **TIM POVTAK**
ORLANDO SENTINEL

Coach Jimmy Johnson was pictured on the cover of the University of Miami football media guide previewing the 1987 season, his hands held face high, approximately 12 inches apart, palms turned inward. He was signaling the distance needed for a first down. He was frowning. He unknowingly was also signaling how close the Hurricanes had come the previous year, when they dominated the regular season only to watch their yearlong quest for a national championship slip away in a disastrous grand finale, an upset by over-achieving Penn State in the Fiesta Bowl.

This season, that same cover has a picture of Johnson and his team visiting with President Reagan in the White House, an honor reserved for greatness, signaling a triumphant season. There are smiles everywhere. Johnson's hands are together. The goal, this time, was reached. The Hurricanes were the undisputed national champions.

"The memory of the year before is one reason why the 1987 championship meant so

much to us," Johnson said recently, reflecting upon the season. "We had come so close in 1986. The frustration and disappointment from the year before stayed with us. It really did eat at me. But it made us all more determined than ever to succeed."

While Miami's convincing 20-14 victory over Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day capped a season of redemption for the Hurricanes, it also capped a very notable season for the entire state of Florida. Florida State, whose only loss in 1987 was an early-season, one-point defeat to Miami, finished No. 2 in the polls after beating No. 6 Nebraska, 31-28, in the Fiesta Bowl. It was the first time in the 52-year history of the Associated Press college football poll that two teams from the same state finished No. 1 and No. 2. The 1987 college football season clearly belonged to the state of Florida.

"That says something about football in this state," Johnson said proudly. "Look at it this way: we have the best winning percentage of any team in the country [during the regular season] the past five years (.516, .895) and the majority of our losses [3] have come against in-state teams."

The University of Florida, the third major college football program in the state, finished a disappointing 6-6, still smarting from past NCAA sanctions. Yet its hurt was eased by the glamorous trip to the Aloha Bowl in Hawaii and the emergence of one of college football's youngest stars, tailback Emmitt Smith, most everyone's Freshman of the Year.

The First Step

It was the one game that Smith hardly played, five carries for 16 yards, that started Miami's championship season. Although it was Miami which was testing a new quarterback, sopho-

more Steve Walsh, and Florida which already had its Heisman Trophy hopeful, Kerwin Bell, the Hurricanes made one thing clear from the start. This was their game. This was also their season. Miami won, 31-4, letting Florida score only on two errant punt snaps that sailed out of the end zone for safeties.

It didn't matter that Miami had lost six players from the previous season who started at least one game in the NFL in 1987—three Hurricane players were among the first nine picks in the draft, including the No. 1 overall selection, 1986 Heisman Trophy quarterback Vinny Testaverde. No matter. The cupboard was far from bare. It still was stocked with talent. Walsh debuted by completing 17 of 27 passes for 234 yards and a touchdown. The defense, led by safety Bennie Blades and end Daniel Stubbs, practically suffocated Bell and the Florida offense.

Miami even improved in the second game, handing 10th-ranked Arkansas its worst defeat ever in Little Rock, 51-7, scoring 38 first-half points. Miami rose to No. 3 in the polls.

Showdown in Tallahassee

Then came the battle against No. 4 Florida State in Tallahassee, both teams unbeaten and knowing the winner likely could carve a path toward the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day for a shot at the national championship. Florida State built a 19-3 lead until late in the third period when Miami came alive. Walsh threw three touchdown passes: 49 yards to Melvin Bratton, 26 yards to Michael Irvin, and 73 yards to Irvin again. A pair of two-point conversions and a one-point kick gave Miami a 26-19 advantage.

Florida State, which was moving the ball all afternoon but was plagued by turnovers and a pair of missed field goals, marched downfield once again. Ronald Lewis caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Danny



David L. Johnson

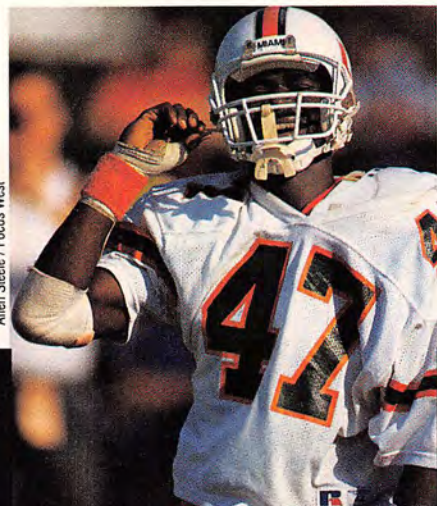
Steve Walsh

Daniel Stubbs



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McManus with 42 seconds left, closing the gap to 26-25. Then, instead of kicking the safe, one-point conversion for the tie that could have kept both team's title hopes alive, Florida State gambled for two. After sending his place-kicker onto the field, coach Bobby Bowden changed his mind. He called time out, sending the offense back into the game. The sellout crowd at Doak Campbell Stadium roared in delight. The national television audience moved closer to the screen. But Miami would hold all the best cards in 1987. Reserve defensive back Bubba McDowell deflected McManus's conversion pass and the Hurricanes prevailed.



Michael Irvin

"We've gone back and evaluated that game many times since then," Johnson said. "We started poorly. I was almost in shock when I looked up at the scoreboard and saw us trailing, 19-3. We knew we were playing one of the best teams in the country, in their own back yard. We were still thinking about Florida and Arkansas."

"But coming from behind the way we did and winning the game, that set the stage for everything else. That team knew for sure then that it could do anything it wanted. There was never any doubt in what we were after. We wanted that national championship."

Miami breezed through the rest of its schedule, crushing Maryland, Cincinnati, East Carolina, Miami of Ohio, Virginia Tech, Toledo, and Notre Dame before being tested again in a 20-16 victory in the regular-season finale against South Carolina, a game that almost made the upcoming Orange Bowl anticlimactic. But when top-ranked Oklahoma beat Nebraska for the Big Eight title and the automatic bid to the Orange Bowl, the dream matchup was assured. It was No. 1 vs. No. 2., just as it was in the previous year. Only this time, Miami was No. 2. The Hurricanes had what they wanted—the opportunity that they let slip away the year before.

The National Championship

Oklahoma hardly had a chance as Miami's vice-like defense controlled the feared, Wish-bone attack. This time Johnson was the gambler, capitalizing on some nifty play-calling, disdaining a short field goal for a touchdown try. Greg Cox kicked a 56-yard field goal and Irvin caught an 11-yard touchdown pass from Walsh for an insurmountable 10-point lead. Miami had found happiness.

"I still think that '86 bunch was one of the best ever to play college football. They were just one play short," Johnson said. "In 1987, that group was just more determined to make it happen. We beat both the eventual No. 2 [Florida State] and the No. 3 [Oklahoma] teams. We beat six bowl teams. That was one year where the national champion really was determined on the field."

For Johnson, it finally provided the acclaim he deserved, finally lifted the shadow of former coach Howard Schnellenberger, who left after the 1983 season, Miami's last previous Orange Bowl victory and national championship. Miami last year extended its regular-season consecutive victory streak to 32 games, the longest in the country. The Orange Bowl also capped the first 12-0 season in school

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Bernard Clark

Rod Carter



history. That raised Johnson's mark at Miami to 41-8, including a 33-3 record (.917) the past three seasons. Walsh returns this year at quarterback, hoping to prove he belongs in Miami's line of quarterback greats—Jim Kelly, Bernie Kosar, and Vinny Testaverde. Miami has enough talent to contend again.

"The program is solid, and with two outstanding recruiting classes the past two years, we will have outstanding teams in the future," Johnson said. "We going to be among the nation's elite, year in and year out. Our goal is to go out and win it again."

Seminoles Are No. 2

Florida State, meanwhile, recovered nicely from that one-point loss to Miami. The Seminoles (11-1) finished with their highest ranking in history, capped by that come-from-behind victory in the Fiesta Bowl. They developed a defense, led by Paul McGowan, who won the Butkus Award as the nation's top linebacker, to match their potent attack. Six times during the regular season, the Seminoles scored at least 40 points. They beat seventh-ranked Auburn, 34-6. They whipped Big Ten champion and eighth-ranked Michigan State, 31-3. They defeated state-rival Florida, 28-14, for the first time in six seasons, after trailing, 14-0.

After falling behind, 14-0, in the Fiesta Bowl, FSU abandoned its running game and reverted back to its entertaining, pass-happy circus attack, turning the game into a real thriller. It was Nebraska's muscle against FSU speed and finesse. After stopping Nebraska on its own 3-yard line—a drive that would have ensured FSU's defeat—the 'Noles drove 97 yards late in the game for the winning score with 3:07 left. Ronald Lewis caught a 15-yard touchdown pass from McManus on fourth down, a gamble that worked perfectly. In the process, McManus broke Fiesta Bowl records for passes attempted (51) and yards (375). He completed 28 passes for three touchdowns. When it was over, the Seminole

Deion Sanders

players broke into a chant: "Preseason No. 1, Preseason No. 1." The reference was to the upcoming 1988 season. If Miami did it, so could the Seminoles, they already have reasoned this year. Coming close only whetted their appetites.

"I'm going to remember going for two against Miami, and missing, for a long time," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "But you know what, I'd still go for two. We played to win. We came so close. That's quite an accomplishment."

A few people still thought FSU was the better team. Most thought there was very little difference between them.

"In 1987, we changed our goals for the first time. Everybody else's goal was to win the

Danny McManus



national championship," Bowden said. "Our goal was to win the state championship. At the beginning, I felt if we did that, it would put us in the running for the national championship. I was right. We did the best we could do, except for that one-point loss."

Florida Gators

The University of Florida lost its opener to Miami and closed the season by losing to ninth-ranked UCLA, 20-16, in the Aloha Bowl when

a last-second pass fell incomplete. Quarterback Kerwin Bell, who started with hopes of the Heisman, failed to live up to expectations, even though he became the most prolific passer in Southeastern Conference history.

The real excitement in Gainesville, though, was over Emmitt Smith, who became the first freshman in NCAA history to surpass the 1,000-yard rushing mark after only seven games. And that despite the opener against Miami, when he was hardly used. Smith gained 224 yards against Alabama, 184 yards against LSU, 175 against Temple, and 128 yards against UCLA. His slippery running style, his uncanny ability to break tackles, and his knack for making yards where there were none, gave Florida hope of again joining both FSU and Miami among the nation's football elite. Smith finished with 1,341 yards to become only the second freshman in history to lead the SEC in rushing. He also finished ninth in the Heisman Trophy balloting and is the top vote-getter returning for 1988. Only Herschel Walker and Tony Dorsett rushed for more yards as frosh. Neither had any more impact on his team than Smith had on his.

Emmitt Smith

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"He exceeded all expectations," Florida coach Galen Hall said. "I've never seen a freshman adapt to the college level so quickly. He is a tremendously talented athlete and we'll be expecting big things from him." After the season, Hall either dismissed or accepted the resignation of five of his assistant coaches, bringing in both a new offensive and defensive coordinator.

Bowl Roundup

Although the state of Florida may have had its finest moment in college football, there were other highlights around the country.

Fourth-ranked Syracuse (11-0-1) had its hopes for a perfect season shattered in the Sugar Bowl when SEC champion Auburn (9-1-2) played for a 16-16 tie with a 30-yard field goal with four seconds left. Syracuse fans thanked Auburn coach Pat Dye throughout the offseason by sending him neckties for the next three months. Don McPherson of Syracuse led the nation in passing efficiency, was named first-team All-America by AP and UPI, and won the Maxwell Award.

Michigan State (9-2-1) snapped the stranglehold that Pac-10 Conference teams had held over the Big Ten Conference with a 20-17 victory over Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl. It was only the second time in the past 14 seasons that the Big Ten representative had won. Running back Lorenzo White, who rushed for 113 yards and two touchdowns for the Spartans, hails from Fort Lauderdale.

Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown closed his career by catching six passes for 105 yards and a touchdown in the Cotton Bowl, but 17th-ranked Notre Dame (8-4) still was beaten badly by 10th-ranked Texas A&M, 35-10, in the Cotton Bowl.

In the newest New Year's Day game, 12th-ranked Clemson (10-2) had an easy time with Penn State (8-4), defeating the Nittany Lions, 35-10, and thoroughly dominating the game.

On New Year's Eve, LSU (10-1-1) crushed South Carolina (8-4) in the Gator Bowl, 30-13, finishing as the highest ranking team that didn't play on New Year's Day.

Individual Awards

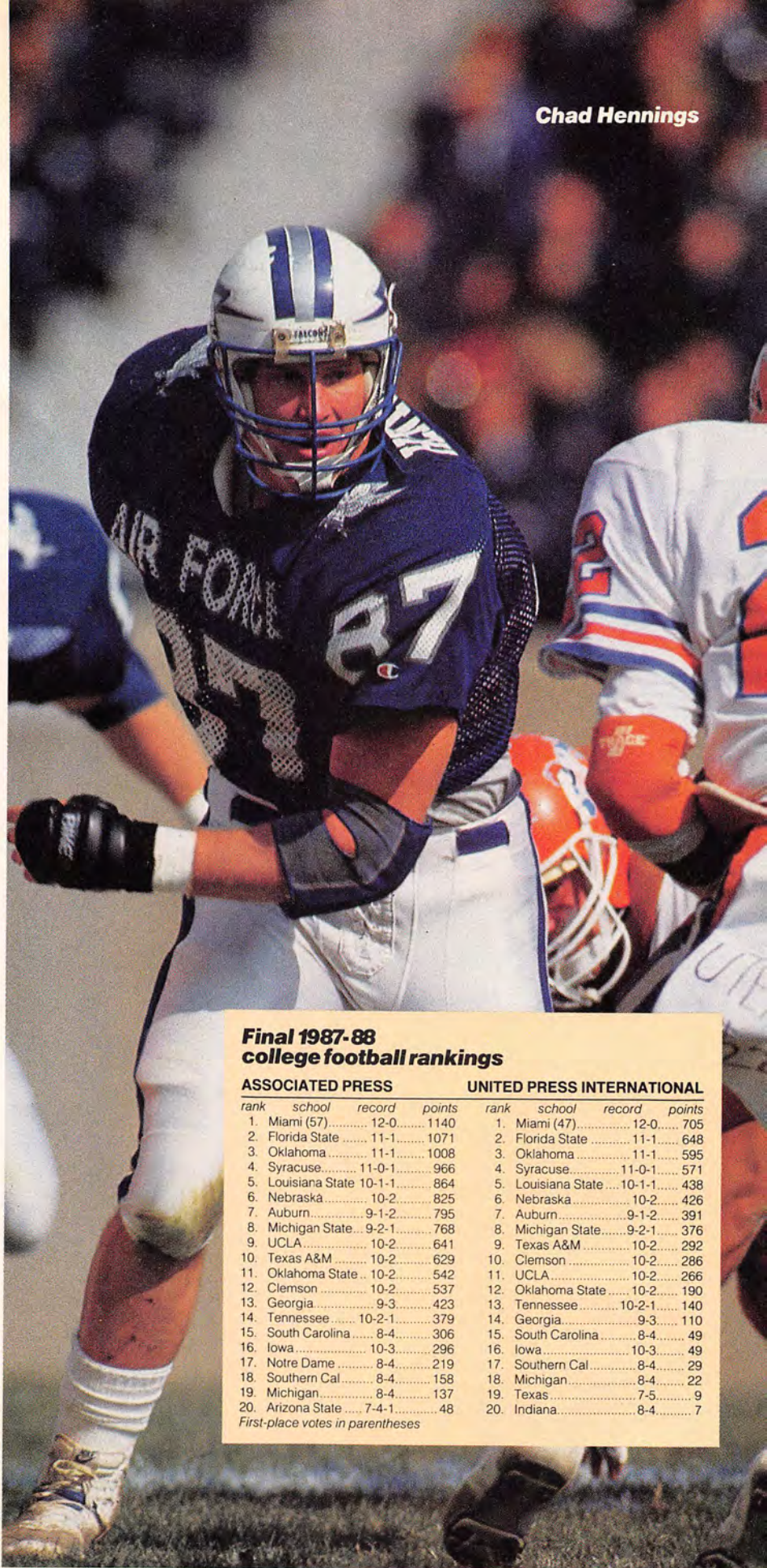
Chad Hennings, a 6-6, 260-pound defensive tackle from the Air Force Academy, was the winner of the Outland Trophy, which goes to the nation's outstanding interior lineman. The most honored football player in his school's history, Hennings was a unanimous All-America and helped lead Air Force to 9-4 record, including a berth in the Freedom Bowl (which Arizona State won, 33-28).

Ohio State linebacker Chris Spielman won the 1987 Lombardi Award, which honors college football's top lineman. The third Buckeye to win the award (after Jim Stillwagon in 1970 and John Hicks in '73), Spielman was a two-time consensus All-America and the top vote-getter among defensive players in 1987 for the Heisman trophy (he finished sixth).

Florida State's Paul McGowan took home the Butkus Award as the country's best collegiate linebacker. The All-America was at the heart of a Seminole defense that limited opponents to 12.3 points per game in 1987.

Kenny Gamble of Colgate was the first recipient of the Walter Payton Award, which honors the top player in Division I-AA. He set 10 I-AA records and is the NCAA's career leader in all-purpose yardage (7,623).

Chad Hennings



Final 1987-88 college football rankings

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rank	school	record	points
1.	Miami (57)	12-0	1140
2.	Florida State	11-1	1071
3.	Oklahoma	11-1	1008
4.	Syracuse	11-0-1	966
5.	Louisiana State	10-1-1	864
6.	Nebraska	10-2	825
7.	Auburn	9-1-2	795
8.	Michigan State	9-2-1	768
9.	UCLA	10-2	641
10.	Texas A&M	10-2	629
11.	Oklahoma State	10-2	542
12.	Clemson	10-2	537
13.	Georgia	9-3	423
14.	Tennessee	10-2-1	379
15.	South Carolina	8-4	306
16.	Iowa	10-3	296
17.	Notre Dame	8-4	219
18.	Southern Cal	8-4	158
19.	Michigan	8-4	137
20.	Arizona State	7-4-1	48

First-place votes in parentheses

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rank	school	record	points
1.	Miami (47)	12-0	705
2.	Florida State	11-1	648
3.	Oklahoma	11-1	595
4.	Syracuse	11-0-1	571
5.	Louisiana State	10-1-1	438
6.	Nebraska	10-2	426
7.	Auburn	9-1-2	391
8.	Michigan State	9-2-1	376
9.	Texas A&M	10-2	292
10.	Clemson	10-2	286
11.	Oklahoma State	10-2	266
12.	UCLA	10-2	190
13.	Tennessee	10-2-1	140
14.	Georgia	9-3	110
15.	South Carolina	8-4	49
16.	Iowa	10-3	49
17.	Southern Cal	8-4	29
18.	Michigan	8-4	22
19.	Texas	7-5	9
20.	Indiana	8-4	7



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Hurricanes' Season

Division I-AA Playoffs

First Round

Appalachian State 20	Richmond 3
Arkansas State 35	Jackson State 32
Georgia Southern 28	Maine 28 (OT)
Marshall 41	James Madison 12
Northeast Louisiana 30	North Texas State 9
Weber State 59	Idaho 30
Eastern Kentucky 40	Western Kentucky 17
Northern Iowa 31	Youngstown State 28

Quarterfinals

Appalachian State 19	Georgia Southern 0
Northern Iowa 49	Arkansas State 28
Marshall 51	Weber State 23
Northeast Louisiana 33	Eastern Kentucky 32

Semifinals

Marshall 24	Appalachian State 10
Northeast Louisiana 44	Northern Iowa 41 (OT)

Championship

Northeast Louisiana 43	Marshall 42
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Division II Playoffs

First Round

Portland State 27	Mankato State 21
Troy State 45	Winston-Salem 14
Northern Michigan 23	Angelo State 20
Central Florida 12	Indiana (Pa.) 10

Semifinals

Portland State 13	Northern Michigan 7
Troy State 31	Central Florida 10

Championship

Troy State 31	Portland State 17
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Division III Playoffs

First Round

Wagner 38	Rochester 14
Fordham 41	Hofstra 6
Washington & Jeff. 23	Allegheny 17 (OT)
Emory & Henry 49	Ferrum 7
Augustana (IL) 53	Hiram 0
Dayton 52	Capital 28
St. John's (MN) 7	Gustavus Adolphus 3
Central (IA) 17	Menlo 0

Quarterfinals

Wagner 21	Fordham 0
Emory & Henry 23	Wash. & Jeff. 16
Dayton 38	Augustana (IL) 36
Central (IA) 13	St. John's (MN) 3

Semifinals

Dayton 34	Central (IA) 0
Wagner 20	Emory & Henry 15

Championship (Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl)

Wagner 19	Dayton 3
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NAIA Division I Playoffs

First Round

Carson-Newman 26	Central State (OH) 13
Mesa 49	SW Minnesota 7
Pittsburg State 57	NE Oklahoma 0
Cameron 17	Emporia State 12
Central Ark. 31	NW Oklahoma 7
Gardner-Webb 27	Moorhead State 7
Presbyterian 40	Concord 0
Southern Oregon 21	Central Wash. 14

Quarterfinals

Carson-Newman 27	Gardner-Webb 24
Pittsburg State 42	Presbyterian 21
Cameron 14	Central Arkansas 7
Mesa 38	Southern Oregon 7

Semifinals

Cameron 20	Pittsburg State 10
Carson-Newman 21	Mesa 7

Championship

Cameron 30	Carson-Newman 2
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NAIA Division II Playoffs

First Round

Baker 37	Dana 35
Tarleton State 38	Bethany 26
Geneva 16	Bluffton 13
Westminster 24	Georgetown (KY) 17
St. Ambrose 21	St. Francis (IL) 3
Wis.-Stevens Point 50	Westmar 24
Carroll (MT) 28	Dickinson State 21 (OT)
Pacific Lutheran 40	Midland 21

Quarterfinals

Baker 13	Tarleton State 12
Geneva 16	Westminster 15
Pacific Lutheran 36	Carroll (MT) 26
Wis.-Stevens Point 30	St. Ambrose 14

Semifinals

Pacific Lutheran 17	Baker 14 (OT)
Wis.-Stevens Point 48	Geneva 25

Championship

Wis.-Stevens Point 16	Pacific Lutheran 16
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Lorenzo White

Division I-A bowl games

CALIFORNIA	Eastern Michigan 30 / San Jose St. 27
INDEPENDENCE	Washington 24 / Tulane 12
ALL-AMERICAN	Virginia 22 / Brigham Young 16
SUN	Oklahoma State 35 / West Virginia 33
ALOHA	UCLA 20 / Florida 16
LIBERTY	Georgia 20 / Arkansas 17
HOLIDAY	Iowa 20 / Wyoming 19
FREEDOM	Arizona State 33 / Air Force 28
GATOR	LSU 30 / South Carolina 13

BLUEBONNET	Texas 32 / Pittsburgh 27
FLORIDA CITRUS	Clemson 35 / Penn State 10
FIESTA	Florida State 31 / Nebraska 28
SUGAR	Syracuse 16 / Auburn 16
COTTON	Texas A&M 35 / Notre Dame 10
ORANGE	Miami 20 / Oklahoma 14
ROSE	Michigan State 20 / Southern Cal 17
PEACH	Tennessee 27 / Indiana 22
HALL OF FAME	Michigan 28 / Alabama 24



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Street & Smith's 1988 High School All-America Team

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High school backs could run away with top honors this fall. The seventh annual 50-player *Street & Smith's College Football* high school All-American team is headed by one of the most touted running back crops in recent years. From California to Texas and Oklahoma and on to Virginia hail the "Big Four" among the schoolboy rushers who could headline the Year of the Running Back in prep circles.

The four are: Russell White of Crespi High in Encino, CA; Robert Strait of Cuero, TX; Terry Kirby of Tabb, VA; and Dewell Brewer of Lawton, OK. They are joined by four other running backs on the Top 50 selection who would make any college recruiter smile on NCAA letter-of-intent signing day: Michael Bates of Tucson, AZ, Amphitheater High; Steve Feagin of Deerfield Beach, FL; Rudy Harris of Brockton, MA; and Darrell "Lectron" Williams of Prichard, AL, Vigor High.

White, Strait, and Kirby already have earned all-state recognition twice while Brewer became the first-ever junior to earn Oklahoma Player of the Year honors. Three of the four sparked unbeaten state championship teams last fall—Strait, Kirby, and Brewer. White has earned two class Player of the Year citations in California and was the first junior ever to rate first-team All-America recognition from *USA Today*.

Last fall, White (a nephew of famed college and pro running backs Charles White and Kermit Alexander) rushed for 2,278 yards and a 10.2 per-carry average while scoring 38 touchdowns. Included were four TDs on pass receptions and one on a 92-yard kickoff return. In two varsity seasons, White has rushed 412 times for 4,638 yards, caught 28 passes for 432 yards, and scored 416 points, including 69 TDs, only seven short of the California record.

Strait and Kirby chalked up even more impressive numbers last fall, and Strait is on target for some all-time national marks. Strait rushed for 3,515 yards and scored 54 TDs and 372 points as Cuero posted a 16-0 record while capturing a Texas Class 3A title last fall. All three rushing and scoring totals rank second on all-time U.S. charts. Strait enters his final season with 6,983 rushing yards and 120 TDs, only 12 shy of the all-time record. The career rushing mark of 11,232 yards appears out of reach, but Strait could surpass the No. 2 listing of 9,206.

Kirby, like Strait, will be a four-season regular when Tabb tackles perennial Virginia big-school power Hampton High for the first time in a season opener this fall. In a 14-0 record campaign in 1987, Kirby amassed 43 touchdowns and 2,864 rushing yards to push his career totals over 4,000 yards. He is also an all-state basketball player.

Brewer was the anchor for Lawton's 14-0 record season and ninth state championship last fall. He ran 315 times for 1,868 yards and scored 156 points. In 22 varsity games, Brewer has totaled 2,868 rushing yards and 236 points including 39 TDs. All are school career records.

While the "Big Four" all clock 4.4-4.5 seconds for 40 yards, two other running backs on our All-America team are timed in the 4.3-4.4 range: Bates and Feagin. Bates is one of the nation's fastest prep sprinters, as his sophomore marks attest: 10.3 for 100 meters, 20.9 for 200, and 13.7 for the high hurdles. Last fall, he averaged 10.2 yards per carry and reeled off eight runs of over 70 yards plus kickoff returns of 98 and 95 yards. Feagin hails from talent-rich Broward County and already has erased county rush-

ing and scoring marks set by Lorenzo White of Michigan State and the Houston Oilers. Last fall, Feagin gained 1,714 yards and scored 150 points. He enters his final season with 3,068 career rushing yards.

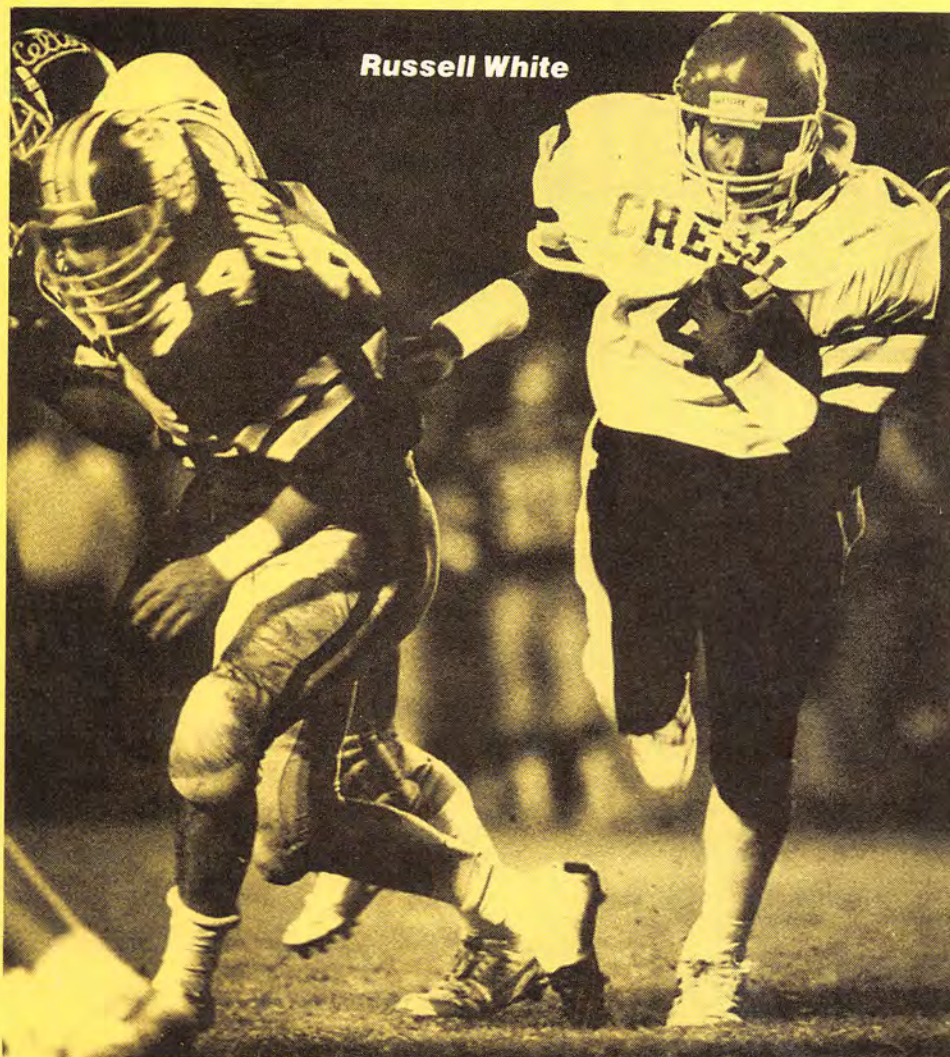
Harris and Williams both led their teams to state titles. Harris scored 26 TDs and gained 1,276 yards from his fullback spot and earned MVP honors in the state Division I Super Bowl. Williams sports career totals of 3,927 rushing yards and 40 TDs in 37 games, including 14 last fall for the state Class 6A champions. He gained 1,706 yards and tallied 19 TDs before being injured in the playoffs.

Here is a summary of the remainder of the Top 50 honor roll:

QUARTERBACKS

Two cited signal-callers guided teams to "largest class" state titles as juniors: Duke Tobin of Arlington Heights, IL, Hersey High, and Bill Hobert of Puyallup, WA.

Tobin, whose father and uncle are members of the Chicago Bears' staff, accounted for 26 touchdowns (15 by passing and 11 rushing) for the 12-2 record club last fall. He



Russell White

connected on 103 of 208 passes for 1,453 yards to boost his career yardage to 2,363. Hobert capped an 11-2 title season with a Kingbowl championship-game passing mark of 374 yards. It boosted the all-stater's season total to 2,401 yards and 22 TDs. Like Tobin, he's a three-sport performer.

On the East Coast, college scouts know the location of East Brunswick, NJ, and Burlington, NC. Those are the homes of Bryan Fortay and Chuckie Burnette. Fortay was a second-team all-Jersey selection last season when he completed 77 of 154 passes for 1,474 yards and 14 TDs. He also punted for a 40-yard average. He enters his senior year with 2,651 passing yards and 23 TDs. Burnette was the only junior all-stater in North Carolina when he sparked Cummings High to an 11-1 record. He boosted his career figures to 3,282 with a junior total of 1,951 yards while completing 116 of 183 passes for 1,951 yards and 21 TDs in '87.

UTILITY BACKS

All four cited utility backs excelled at more than one position and could fit into other spots without hesitation.



In fact, Eric Tural of Tallahassee, FL, Godby was selected state player of the year in two positions as a junior wide receiver/kick returner and defensive back for a state title team. The three-sport performer set a Florida record by returning eight kicks, including six punts, for TDs. On offense, he caught 24 passes for 325 yards.

Curtis Conway of Hawthorne, CA rivals Bates as a national-class track sprinter with a sophomore time of 10.3 for 100 meters. Last season, he played quarterback mostly and accounted for 39 of his team's 42 TDs while passing for 1,850 yards and rushing for another 850. He has also played running back, wide receiver, and defensive back.

Mickey Reeves has earned all-state recognition two years at four positions for Roswell, NM, High, which won the state title with a 13-1 record last fall. The four-sport athlete scored 222 points on 30 touchdowns, 39 conversion kicks, and a field goal. He also punted for a 39-yard average and intercepted nine passes.

Oklahoma claims a second All-America choice in Aaron Goins of Owasso, who has totaled 3,523 all-purpose yards in two years while playing running back, kick returner, and defensive back. This fall, he might play quarterback.

RECEIVERS

The wide receivers include rangy three-sport athlete Horace Copeland of Orlando, FL, Evans high school and a pair of pint-sized, cat-quick flyers in Vance Ross of Denver, CO, Mullen and Kevin Williams of Dallas, TX, Roosevelt.

Copeland earned first-team all-state honors last fall in Florida's largest class and is one of that state's finest multi-sport performers. Ross was on the receiving end of 47 passes for 1,000 yards and eight TDs last season from prep All-America quarterback Jerry Dunn, who opted for a University of Florida grant. Ross, a three-year starter, has timed 10.4 seconds for 100 meters.

Williams accounted for 1,749 all-purpose yards last season at the same school which produced former NFL great receiver John Jefferson. Included were 45 catches for 684 yards and six TDs; 22 rushes for 378 yards and two TDs; and 26 kick returns for 687 yards and three TDs.

The tight ends include two of the South's top blockers in Brad Banta of Baton Rouge, LA, University, and Ricky Sutton of Tucker, GA, plus two-sport prospect Tony McGee of Terre Haute, IN, South Vigo. Banta and Sutton are receiving wide recruiting interest. McGee, also courted for basketball, grabbed 31 passes for 543 yards and five TDs last fall to earn all-state recognition.

KICKERS

Both players cited here excel in place-kicking and punting. Craig Hentrich of Alton, IL, Marquette booted 41 of 51 kickoffs past the goal line last fall while connecting on 32 of 34 conversions and eight field goals, including a 47-yarder. He also punted 39 times for a 44.8-yard average, dropping five inside the 20-yard-line. He kicked eight field goals

as a sophomore. Paul Stonehouse has been a two-year all-state honoree for Los Angeles, CA, Loyola High, which is 20-1 during that time. He has kicked into the end zone 85 percent of the time and averaged 42.5 yards a punt last season.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Seven of the nine honorees stand 6-foot-4 or taller and six weigh at least 260 pounds! Six of the selections are considered the top college prospects in their states—Shawn Bowman of Jamestown, NY; Lee Brown of Louisville, MS; Sean Gilbert of Aliquippa, PA; Dan Rogers of Duncan, SC, Byrnes; Mike Steele of Wichita, KS, South; and Tony Williams of St. Louis, MO, Riverview Gardens. The other three hail from the states producing running back sensations White, Strait, and Kirby. They are Bob Whitfield of Wilmington, CA, Banning; Earl Dotson of Beaumont, TX, West Brook; and Kharim Strayhorn of Virginia Beach, VA, Kempville.

Bowman is a four-year regular and two-time all-state choice. He blends a 4.9 time for 40 yards with a 425-pound bench press. Brown hails from a school with nine NCAA Division I players in action and is rated ahead of those alumni by his coach. The three-season starter is a cousin of Bud Brown of the Miami Dolphins. Dotson was the only underclass lineman of the largest-class all-state first-team selections. Gilbert, a basketball starter, also played linebacker despite a 260-pound frame for the WPIAL Class AAA champions. Steele and Strayhorn both were the only honorees on both offense and defense for all-area teams. Whitfield sports an A-minus academic average to go with his physical prowess. Williams paved the way for two 1,000-yard rushers on a 10-0 record team in 1987.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

The six honored defenders could all be labeled men among boys in their respective areas. George Brewer of LaGrange, GA, Troup County is rated his state's top linemen by talent scouts. The same accolade goes to Junior Bryant of Omaha, NE, Creighton Prep; Chuck Jones of Chillicothe, OH; Sterling Palmer of Fort Lauderdale, FL, St Thomas Aquinas; and Alonzo Spellman of Mt. Holly, NJ, Rancocas Valley. The other selection is Marcellous Elder of Long Beach Poly, a perennial California contender.

Bryant was a first-unit all-state choice last fall as Creighton Prep won its third straight Nebraska crown. Jones is compared with Chillicothe graduate Garin Veris, the New England Patriot defensive end, but is 50 pounds heavier. Jones recorded 22 sacks and 55 tackles in 11 games last fall and averaged seven yards a carry as a 285-pound fullback! Palmer, a defensive end who can play linebacker, started for three years at Fort Lauderdale High before transferring. He's also a track performer. Spellman, too, has been a linebacker and tight end when not holding down a defensive line spot. He was in on a team-high 95 tackles last fall.

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LINEBACKERS

Jessie Armstead has led Carter High of Dallas, TX, in tackles the last two years and earned first-team all-state recognition in 1987 when he charted 189 stops, including 53 solos and 12 sacks. Joe Barry has earned all-state plaudits in both Iowa and Colorado, where his father has served as a college assistant coach. At Fairview, CO, Boulder High last fall, he paced the team in tackles. Antonio London bridged the offensive-defensive gap for Tullahoma, TN, last season. On defense he had 187 tackles in 14 games, returned two of eight pass interceptions for TDs, blocked six kicks, and caused or recovered 14 fumbles. As a wide receiver, London caught 14 TD passes and gained 1,200 yards. Lewis Lowe has been a four-year, two-way regular for Detroit, MI, Osborn High. Lowe's defensive charts total 256 tackles, 16 sacks, six interceptions, and 22 caused or recovered fumbles.

Some observers of the Boyd Anderson team in Lauderdale Lakes, FL are comparing Richard McKenzie to NFL linebacker Cornelius Bennett. The all-stater had 92 tackles and 21 sacks last season, including a 19-tackle playoff effort. He's a three-sport stalwart. Opponents of Elizabeth-Forward High in Elizabeth, PA, are glad this is the final season for Kelly Rush, a 6-5, 230-pound fullback-linebacker who can run over or around defenders on offense or deliver jarring hits on the other side of the ball. At Pensacola, FL, High, Erick Shaw remains busy all year with three sports but is best known as a linebacker-defensive end in football. He has averaged 12 tackles a game for three years and impressed last season with 20 sacks and 10 fumble recoveries. He also punted for a 40-yard average.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The only junior on the All-Ohio Division I honor roll last year was Myron Bell of Toledo Macomber-Whitney. The three-year regular played in the shadow of All-America running back Chuck Webb but is expected to impress on both sides of the line this fall. Last season, he returned two punts for TDs, intercepted three passes, and delivered some jarring tackles. One Little Rock newspaper cited Brenden Cook of Little Rock Catholic as the state's defensive Player of the Year after he charted 88 tackles. On offense, the talented wide receiver caught 28 passes for 438 yards and eight TDs. A two-way standout at talent-rich Knoxville, TN, Austin-East is Robert Fair, an all-state defensive selection after intercepting nine passes and making 68 solo tackles in '87. On offense, he averaged 10 yards a rush, had 33 receptions for 793 yards, and scored 18 TDs. The top college prospect in Georgia this year could be two-way back Eric Geter of Newman, one of only a few underclassmen cited in all-state honors. A standout baseball player, Geter blends 4.5 speed with a 390-pound bench press and A-B academics.

Street & Smith's Top 50 High School Seniors of 1988

QUARTERBACKS

	ht.	wt.	high school	home town
Chuckie Burnette	6-0	180	Cummings	Burlington, NC
Bryan Fortay	6-3	215	East Brunswick	E. Brunswick, NJ
Bill Hobert	6-3	218	Puyallup	Puyallup, WA
Duke Tobin	6-1	180	Hersey	Arlington Hts., IL

RUNNING BACKS

Michael Bates	5-11	190	Amphitheater	Tucson, AZ
Dewell Brewer	5-9	192	Lawton	Lawton, OK
Steve Feagin	6-0	190	Deerfield Beach	Deerfield Beach, FL
Rudy Harris	6-3	215	Brockton	Brockton, MA
Terry Kirby	6-3	220	Tabb	Tabb, VA
Robert Strait	6-2	225	Cuero	Cuero, TX
Russell White	6-0	190	Crespi	Encino, CA
Darrell Williams	5-10	185	Vigor	Prichard, AL

UTILITY PLAYERS

Curtis Conway	6-3	180	Hawthorne	Hawthorne, CA
Aaron Goins	6-1	190	Owasso	Owasso, OK
Mickey Reeves	6-3	184	Roswell	Roswell, NM
Eric Tural	5-11	175	Godby	Tallahassee, FL

WIDE RECEIVERS

Horace Copeland	6-4	190	Maynard Evans	Orlando, FL
Vance Ross	5-9	170	Mullen	Denver, CO
Kevin Williams	5-9	170	Roosevelt	Dallas, TX

TIGHT ENDS

Brad Banta	6-5	235	University	Baton Rouge, LA
Tony McGee	6-5	220	South Vigo	Terre Haute, IN
Ricky Sutton	6-3	240	Tucker	Tucker, GA

KICKERS

Craig Hentrich	6-0	175	Marquette	Alton, IL
Paul Stonehouse	5-10	175	Loyola	Los Angeles, CA

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Shawn Bowman	6-2	260	Jamestown	Jamestown, NY
Lee Brown	6-4	310	Louisville	Louisville, MS
Earl Dotson	6-5	280	West Brook	Beaumont, TX
Sean Gilbert	6-5	260	Aliquippa	Aliquippa, PA
Dan Rogers	6-4	245	Byrnes	Duncan, SC
Mike Steele	6-4	255	South	Wichita, KN
Kharim Strayhorn	6-3	240	Kempsville	Virginia Beach, VA
Bob Whitfield	6-7	275	Banning	Wilmington, CA
Tony Williams	6-5	283	Riverview Gardens	St. Louis, MO

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

George Brewer	6-6	270	Troup County	LaGrange, GA
Junior Bryant	6-5	261	Creighton Prep	Omaha, NE
Marcellous Elder	6-5	280	Poly	Long Beach, CA
Chuck Jones	6-4	285	Chillicothe	Chillicothe, OH
Sterling Palmer	6-5	235	St. Thomas Aquinas	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Alonzo Spellman	6-6	255	Rancocas Valley	Mt. Holly, NJ

LINEBACKERS

Jessie Armstead	6-2	205	Carter	Dallas, TX
Joe Barry	6-2	215	Fairview	Boulder, CO
Antonio London	6-4	195	Tullahoma	Tullahoma, TN
Lewis Lowe	6-3	242	Osborn	Detroit, MI
Richard McKenzie	6-4	220	Boyd Anderson	Lauderdale Lakes, FL
Kelly Rush	6-5	230	Elizabeth-Forward	Elizabeth, PA
Erick Shaw	6-4	221	Pensacola	Pensacola, FL

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Myron Bell	6-1	195	Macomber-Whitney	Toledo, OH
Brenden Cook	6-0	155	Catholic	Little Rock, AR
Robert Fair	5-11	185	Austin-East	Knoxville, TN
Eric Geter	5-11	195	Newnan	Newnan, GA

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From time to time we at STREET & SMITH'S COLLEGE FOOTBALL have questions we'd like to ask our readers. Today we need help from many of you—even those who don't often answer questionnaires. We won't take much of your time, and who knows, you may *even win a compact disc player, a video cassette recorder or a stereo TV from Sony*. Just fill in this brief questionnaire and mail the form as soon as possible. Thank you!

- Which of these other STREET & SMITH'S SPORTS MAGAZINES do you read? (Please check as many as apply.)
Pro Football ☐ 5-1 Baseball ☐ -2 Basketball ☐ -3
- How long have you been reading STREET & SMITH'S College Football?
New reader ☐ 6-1 2 Years ☐ -3 4 Years ☐ -5 6-9 Years ☐ -7
1 Year ☐ -2 3 Years ☐ -4 5 Years ☐ -6 10 Years or More ☐ -8
- How much of this book would you say you have read? All or Practically All ☐ 7-1 About 3/4 ☐ -2
About 1/2 ☐ -3 1/4 or less ☐ -4
- In an average week during the season about how often do you refer to the College Football Issue?
_____ times. 8-
- Not including yourself, how many other friends or family members will read or look through your copy of STREET & SMITH'S College Football?
Number of Males _____ 9- Number of Females _____ 10-
- a) Did you buy either of the following sports books last year?
Don Heinrich's College Football Yes ☐ 11-1 No ☐ -2
Sporting News College Football Yearbook Yes ☐ 12-1 No ☐ -2
b) For each of the following publications listed below please indicate those that you read regularly or occasionally.

	Read Regularly	Read Occasionally	Hardly Ever Read	Never Read
Inside Sports	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> -2	<input type="checkbox"/> -3	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-
Sport	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> -2	<input type="checkbox"/> -3	<input type="checkbox"/> 14-
Sports Illustrated	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> -2	<input type="checkbox"/> -3	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-
The Sporting News	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> -2	<input type="checkbox"/> -3	<input type="checkbox"/> 16-

- In an average week what percentage of your television viewing time is spent watching college and professional sports events?
Less than 25% ☐ 17-1 25%—50% ☐ -2 50%—75% ☐ -3 75%—100% ☐ -4
- Do you ever take a radio or television with you when attending sports events? Yes ☐ 18-1 No ☐ -2

PASSENGER CARS

- a) How many passenger cars, including station wagons, vans and 4-wheel drive cars are currently owned or leased by all the people in your household?
Number of Cars Owned _____ 19- None ☐ -0 20-22- 23-25- 26-28-
- For each car currently owned, please indicate:
b) Make (i.e., Oldsmobile, Mercury, BMW, Toyota) _____ 1st Car _____ 2nd Car _____ 3rd Car
c) Model (i.e., Toronado, Cougar, Celica, 318) _____
d) Year Model _____ 29-30 _____ 32-33 _____ 35-36
e) Indicate if car was bought new or used: New ☐ 31-1 Used ☐ -2 New ☐ 34-1 Used ☐ -2 New ☐ 37-1 Used ☐ -2
- a) Do you or other members of your household plan to buy a car in the next 2 years? Yes ☐ 38-1 No ☐ -2
b) If yes, will it be a: Domestic Car ☐ 39-1 Imported Car ☐ -2 Not Sure ☐ -3

CAR MAINTENANCE

- a) Do you ever do your own car maintenance work? Yes ☐ 40-1 No ☐ -2
b) If so, which of the following do you do? (Please check as many as apply.)
Replace Tires ☐ 41-1 Change Oil ☐ -3 Change Oil Filter ☐ -5
Replace Windshield Wipers ☐ -4 Change Air Filter ☐ -2 Tune-Ups ☐ -6

Please continue...



Please tell us a little more...

BEVERAGES

12. Please "X" those beverages that you personally drink (or serve) either at home or away from home. If you have mixed drinks, such as whiskey sours, check the type of liquor they contain.
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| Domestic Whiskies <input type="checkbox"/> 42-1 | Cordials/Liqueurs <input type="checkbox"/> -5 | Imported Beers <input type="checkbox"/> -9 |
| Scotch/Canadian/Irish Whisky <input type="checkbox"/> -2 | Schnapps <input type="checkbox"/> -6 | Bottled Natural Spring or Mineral Water <input type="checkbox"/> -0 |
| Vodka/Rum/Gin/Tequila <input type="checkbox"/> -3 | Wine/Champagne/Vermouth <input type="checkbox"/> -7 | Tonic Water/Club Soda, Ginger Ale, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> -x |
| Brandy/Cognac <input type="checkbox"/> -4 | Domestic Beers <input type="checkbox"/> -8 | |
- b. If you drink/serve beer, do you ever buy it by the case? Yes ☐ 43-1 No ☐ -2
- c. In an average month, approximately how often do you entertain at home? _____ 44-

MEN'S TOILETRIES/GROOMING AIDS

13. Which of the following men's toiletries products or grooming aids do you use? (Please check as many as apply.)
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|--|--|--|--|
| Pre-shave Lotion <input type="checkbox"/> 45-1 | Disposable Shaver <input type="checkbox"/> -3 | Hair Grooming Products <input type="checkbox"/> -5 | Shaving Cream or Gel <input type="checkbox"/> -7 |
| Cologne <input type="checkbox"/> -2 | After-shave Lotion <input type="checkbox"/> -4 | Blade Shaver <input type="checkbox"/> -6 | Electric Razor <input type="checkbox"/> -8 |

SPORTS PARTICIPATION

14. Do you yourself actively participate in any sports activity? Yes ☐ 46-1 No ☐ -2
- a) If so, which activities _____ 47-49-
- b) In the past year have you purchased any running/athletic shoes? Yes ☐ 50-1 No ☐ -2

HOME ELECTRONICS

15. Do you or any member of your household own a video cassette recorder? Yes ☐ 51-1 No ☐ -2
- a) If so, approximately how many blank and/or pre-recorded tapes have you purchased in the past year?
- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Blank Tapes _____ 53-54 | Pre-recorded Tapes _____ 55-56 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
- b) Do you tape televised sports events: Yes ☐ 57-1 No ☐ -2
- c) Do you or any member of your household own:
- | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A Compact Disc Player | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 58-1 | No <input type="checkbox"/> -2 |
| A Camcorder | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 59-1 | No <input type="checkbox"/> -2 |

CHARACTERISTICS

16. Are you: Male ☐ 60-1 Female ☐ -2
17. Your age: Under 18 ☐ 61-1 18-24 ☐ -2 25-29 ☐ -3 30-34 ☐ -4 35-39 ☐ -5 40-44 ☐ -6 45-49 ☐ -7 50-54 ☐ -8 55-59 ☐ -9 60-64 ☐ -0 65 or over ☐ -x
18. What is your marital status? Single ☐ 62-1 Married ☐ -2 Widowed, Divorced, Separated ☐ -3
19. Are you: White ☐ 63-1 Black ☐ -2 Hispanic ☐ -3 Oriental ☐ -4 Other ☐ -3
20. Which of the following best describes your present employment status?
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| Employed Full-Time <input type="checkbox"/> 64-1 | Employed Part-Time <input type="checkbox"/> -2 | Not Employed <input type="checkbox"/> -3 |
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- If employed full or part time:
- a) What is your particular job called? _____ 65-
- b) Does the job have a title? What is it? _____ 66-
- c) Please indicate below the annual income you personally get from your job before taxes:
- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 67-1 | \$15,000-\$19,999 <input type="checkbox"/> -3 | \$25,000-\$34,999 <input type="checkbox"/> -5 | \$50,000 or More <input type="checkbox"/> -7 |
| \$10,000-\$14,999 <input type="checkbox"/> -2 | \$20,000-\$24,999 <input type="checkbox"/> -4 | \$35,000-\$49,999 <input type="checkbox"/> -6 | |
21. What is the highest level you completed in school?
- | | |
|---|--|
| Some High School or Less <input type="checkbox"/> 68-1 | Attended College 1-3 Years <input type="checkbox"/> -4 |
| High School Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> -2 | College Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> -5 |
| Attended College Less Than 1 Year <input type="checkbox"/> -3 | Professional or Graduate School After 4 Years of College <input type="checkbox"/> -6 |
22. What is the total combined annual income before taxes of all members of your household including yourself, that is, income from jobs as well as any other source?
- | | | | | |
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| Less than \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 69-1 | \$20,000-\$24,999 <input type="checkbox"/> -3 | \$30,000-\$34,999 <input type="checkbox"/> -5 | \$40,000-\$49,999 <input type="checkbox"/> -7 | \$75,000 & Over <input type="checkbox"/> -9 |
| \$15,000-\$19,999 <input type="checkbox"/> -2 | \$25,000-\$29,999 <input type="checkbox"/> -4 | \$35,000-\$39,999 <input type="checkbox"/> -6 | \$50,000-\$74,999 <input type="checkbox"/> -8 | |

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Other prep seniors to watch

high school report

QUARTERBACKS

	high school	home town
Scott Bream	Millard South	Omaha, NE
Travis Briggs	Memorial	Tulsa, OK
Jeff Brohm	Trinity	Louisville, KY
Scott Burrell	Hamden	Hamden, CT
Pete Clark	Stevens Point	Stevens Point, WI
Jesse Daigle	Catholic	Baton Rouge, LA
Jody Dickerson	Sto-Rox	McKees Rocks, PA
Donald Douglas	Liberty	Liberty, TX
Bert Emanuel	Langham Creek	Houston, TX
Mike Eppner	Patent	Holland, NY
Matt Eyde	East Lansing	East Lansing, MI
Bob Frantz	Cherokee	Marlton, NJ
Bart Geiser	Griffin	Springfield, IL
Rich Green	Melrose	Melrose, MA
Charles Gulbranson	Frankfort	Ridgeley, WV
Ross Hales	Memorial	Elkhart, IN
Joe Hall	Uniondale	Uniondale, NY
Charles Hammond	Vintage	Napa, CA
Joe Hardin	Rogers	Rogers, AR
Paul Hladon	Covington Catholic	Park Hills, KY
J.J. Joe	Lamar	Arlington, TX
Ricky Jordan	East Florida	Florida, MS
Todd Jordan	Tupelo	Tupelo, MS
Lloyd Kerr	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook, IL
Perry Klein	Carson	Carson, CA
John Koz	Lakewood	Lakewood, OH
Lance Landry	Jefferson	Port Arthur, TX
Donny Lawrence	North Clayton	Clayton, GA
Tremain Lewis	West Orange-Stark	Orange, TX
Chris Livingstone	Country Day	St. Louis, MO
Bill Lott	Petal	Petal, MS
Chad Loup	University	Baton Rouge, LA
John Lynch	Torrey Pines	Del Mar, CA
Tommy Maddox	Bell	Hersh, TX
Reggie Martin	Heidelberg	Heidelberg, MS
Steve Matthews	Tullahoma	Tullahoma, TN
Tony McCruden	Canton	Canton, MS
Rick Mirer	Goshen	Goshen, IN
Richard Moncrief	Davis	Montgomery, AL
Doug Musgrave	Grand Junction	Grand Junction, CO
Ryan Nornberg	Northview	Dothan, AL
Rene Ovalle	United	Laredo, TX
Reggie Perry	Denison	Denison, TX
Chris Pietrangeli	North	Naperville, IL
Grep Plump	Hattiesburg	Hattiesburg, MS
Ron Redell	Crespi	Encino, CA
Jason Robertson	Hillcrest	Country Club Hills, IL
Artha Shine	Minden	Minden, LA
Sean Siebert	Harvey	Painesville, OH
Ray Stanton	Binghamton	Binghamton, NY
Wesley Tate	Gaffney	Gaffney, SC
Wilbert Ursin	Lutcher	Lutcher, LA
Stan White	Berry	Birmingham, AL
Todd Wilson	Logan	Logan, UT
Ken Windham	Bishop Gorman	Las Vegas, NV
Ron Woolfork	Henry Ford	Detroit, MI
Joe Youngblood	Eisenhower	Utica, MI

RUNNING BACKS

Carlton Aiken	Upper Dublin	Fort Washington, PA
Clyde Allen	Fort Myers	Fort Myers, FL
Rich Anderson	Sherwood	Sherwood, MD
Tony Bass	Harrison	Evansville, IN
Brett Billings	Southside	Fort Smith, AR
Derek Brown	Servite	Anaheim, CA
Greg Brown	Bettendorf	Bettendorf, IA
Jeff Brunner	Sterling	Sterling, CO
Jimmer Bundy	Woodbury	Woodbury, NJ
Keith Burton	Hermitage	Richmond, VA
Darnell Campbell	Brockton	Brockton, MA
Sidney Carmichael	Monroe County	Monroeville, AL
Dwayne Chandler	McPherson	McPherson, KN

Kenneth Cooper	Sumner	St. Louis, MO
Monte Cozzens	North	Westerville, OH
Ernest Crank	Bolingbrook	Bolingbrook, IL
Danny Davis	Rustburg	Rustburg, VA
Arthur Dennis	John Adams	New York, NY
Todd Durkin	Brick Township	Brick Township, NJ
Spencer Douglas	Sicily Island	Sicily Island, LA
Patrick Fields	Southeast Whitfield	Dalton, GA
Lamel Foreman	Del City	Del City, OK
Lavelle Fort	Arkadelphia	Arkadelphia, AR
Willis Fortson	Clinton	Clinton, SC
Roscoe Graves	Waggener	St. Matthews, KY
Brian Giles	Granada Hills	Granada Hills, CA
Rick Gordon	Monroe	Monroe, WI
Ron Grogan	William Fleming	Roanoke, VA
Chad Guthrie	Newton	Newton, IA
Keith Halsey	Sante Fe	Sante Fe, MO
Cedric Harper	Richardson	Richardson, TX
Raymont Harris	Admiral King	Lorain, OH
Darrell Hewlett	Woodson	Washington, D.C.
James Hill	Widfield	Colorado Springs, CO
Dwayne Hitchcock	North Hills	Pittsburgh, PA
Robby Holloway	Maiden	Maiden, NC
Ryan Huff	South Kitsap	Port Orchard, WA
Jason Jarrett	Clairton	Clairton, PA
Tony Jeffery	Berkeley	St. Louis, MO
Doug Jenkins	Fayetteville	Fayetteville, AR
Keith Jeter	Weir	Weirton, WV
Billy Johnson	Santa Teresa	San Jose, CA
Jamel Johnson	New London	New London, CT
John Johnson	Channel Islands	Oxnard, CA
Louis Johnson	Carroll	Washington, D.C.
Mark Johnson	Mendenhall	Mendenhall, MS
Mike Johnson	Robinson	Fairfax, VA
Jon Jones	Stonewall Jackson	Charleston, WV
Rob Jones	Union	Union, NJ
Kenny Jordan	Northeast Jones	Laurel, MS
P.J. Killian	Fox Chapel	Pittsburgh, PA
Leon Kirkland	Central	Knoxville, TN
Anthony Lee	Chipeley	Chipeley, FL
Marcus Lee	Cathedral	Springfield, MA
Bernie Leggett	Mitchell	Colorado Springs, CO
Dorsey Levens	Nottingham	Syracuse, NY
Clinton Lynch	Ursuline	Youngstown, OH
Adam Mariano	Comsewogue	Port Jefferson, NY
Jason Marucci	Boardman	Youngstown, OH
Rod McQuarrie	Londonderry	Londonderry, NH
Ronald Millhouse	Summerville	Summerville, SC
Ken Mills	Memorial	Evansville, IN
Herbert Mingo	Clinch County	Homerville, GA
Craig Mitter	Matawan	Matawan, NJ
George Montgomery	Calumet	Gary, IN
Chris Moore	Ellwood	Ellwood, IN
Tim Moore	Rose	Greenville, NC
Chuck Morganti	North Catholic	Philadelphia, PA
Adrian Murrell	Leilehua	Honolulu, HI
Mike Nadlicki	Traverse City	Traverse City, MI
Andre Nelson	Lugoff-Elgin	Lugoff, SC
Jacque Norris	Assumption	East St. Louis, IL
Jason Oliver	Ruskin	Ruskin, MO
Derrick Paisley	Southern	Durham, NC
Charlie Peoples	Lincoln	Philadelphia, PA
John Peoples	Palm Desert	Palm Desert, CA
Roosevelt Potts	Wayville	Rayville, LA
Eddie Pressley	Woodlawn	Birmingham, AL
Eric Rhett	McArthur	Hollywood, FL
James Roberts	Valdosta	Valdosta, GA
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Dominique Ross	Raines	Jacksonville, FL
Tiandre Sanders	Carroll	Corpus Christi, TX
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Joe Scofield	Park	Cottage Grove, MN
Junior Sewell	Abbeville	Abbeville, AL
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Ray Smith	Pensacola	Pensacola, FL
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Mack Strong	Brookstone	Columbus, GA
Blair Sweet	Wilmington	Wilmington, PA

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Tyler Timko	North Catholic	Pittsburgh, PA
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Jermaine Williams	Chadsey	Detroit, MI

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Bobby Boykin	Jefferson	Dayton, OH
Lorenzo Brinkley	Central	Hazelwood, MO
Regeus Brinson	Gateway	Gateway, FL
Bernie Brogdan	East Claredon	East Claredon, SC
Reggie Brooks	Washington	Tulsa, OK
Lamont Byrd	Carrollton	Carrollton, GA
James Cartwright	Crosby	Crosby, TX
Pedro Cherry	Bertie	Windsor, NC
Gary Clayton	Parker	Birmingham, AL
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Ron Dickerson	State College	State College, PA
Chris Donnelly	Germantown	Germantown, TN
Mitchell Dorsey	White County	Cleveland, GA
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Jeff Fischer	York	Elmhurst, IL
Corey Fraiser	South	Minneapolis, MN
Von Ganaway	North	Fort Wayne, IN
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Lemanski Hall	Valley	Valley, AL
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Lamont Hough	Hempstead	Hempstead, NY
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 Walter Dunson...Central...Carrollton, GA
 Matt Frier...Suwannee...Live Oak, FL
 Carl Henry...Lutheran...Walther, IL
 William Henry...Arroyo Grande...Arroyo Grande, CA
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 Kenneth Huggins...Spruce...Dallas, TX
 Anthony Jackson...Fairfield...Fairfield, IA
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 John Hebert...Carmel...Carmel, IN
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 Marcellus Thomas...East...Hazelwood, MO
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 Wesley Jackson...Manual...Louisville, KY
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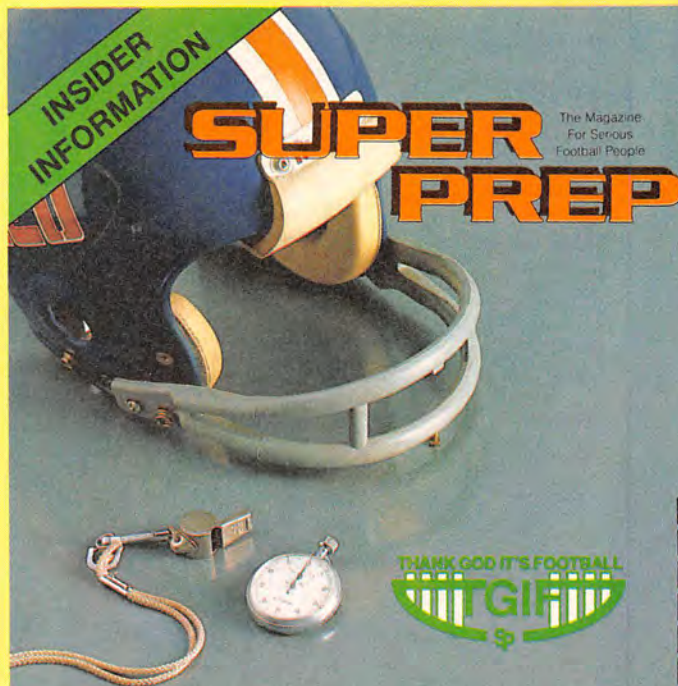
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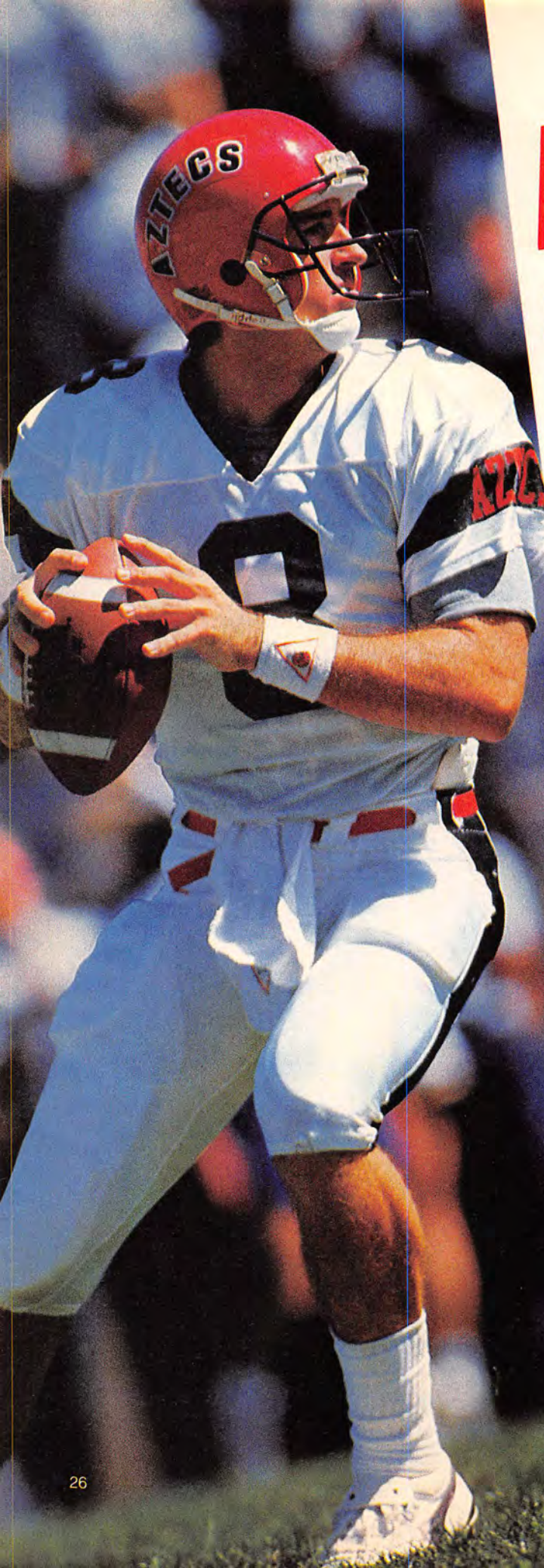
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TOTAL OFFENSE

	rushing				passing				total offense			
	car	gain	loss	net	att	yds	pls	yds	ydp	td*	yds	pg
Todd Santos, San Diego St.	70	123	367	-244	492	3932	562	3688	6,56	26	307.33	
Mike Perez, San Jose St.	42	110	157	-47	408	3260	450	3213	7.14	23	292.09	
Barry Garrison, New Mexico	60	194	292	-98	489	3163	549	3065	5.58	19	278.64	
Steve Slayden, Duke	99	260	216	44	395	2924	494	2968	6.01	23	269.82	
Terrence Jones, Tulane	138	627	244	383	319	2551	457	2934	6.42	28	266.73	
Bret Snyder, Utah St.	78	186	299	-113	427	2887	505	2773	5.91	20	252.18	
Todd Ellis, South Carolina	84	131	260	-129	385	2902	469	2765	6.21	22	251.36	
Craig Burnett, Wyoming	29	34	68	-34	416	2799	545	2743	5.19	16	249.36	
Timm Rosenbach, Washington St.	139	511	214	297	390	2446	529	2619	6.42	22	238.09	
Erik Jones, Vanderbilt	179	830	165	665	423	2736	464	2551	7.29	22	231.91	
Dave Telford, Oregon St.	41	63	186	-123	431	2460	350	2540	5.75	16	229.50	
Rodney Peete, Southern Cal.	59	212	121	91	291	2341	339	2498	6.11	19	229.33	
Don McPherson, Syracuse	110	396	197	199	229	3168	479	2754	5.99	12	227.09	
Scooter Molander, Colorado St.	72	83	497	-414	407	3168	338	2064	6.02	12	226.42	
Troy Taylor, California	60	190	207	-17	351	2589	415	2498	5.67	18	214.18	
Dave Telford, Fresno St.	64	138	229	-91	351	2589	340	2171	7.97	14	215.30	
Chuck Hartlieb, Iowa	41	75	213	-138	299	2855	380	2153	5.67	18	209.36	
Rich Dackin, Bowling Green	50	105	163	-58	330	2211	353	2356	6.67	18	208.27	
Scott Secules, Virginia	57	152	107	45	296	2311	316	2303	7.29	18	203.73	
Troy Aikman, UCLA	73	187	238	-51	243	2354	453	2291	5.06	18	203.73	
Jay Gruden, Louisville	56	106	296	-190	397	2481	400	2061	5.15	8	206.10	
Mike Bates, Miami (Ohio)	41	50	207	-157	359	2218	331	2241	6.77	20	203.73	
Steve Walsh, Miami	33	66	74	-8	298	2249	331	2241	6.77	20	203.73	

* Touchdowns scored by rushing-passing only

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
(Min. 15 att. per game)												
Don McPherson, Syracuse	SR	11	229	129	56.33	11	4.80	2341	10.22	22	9.61	164.3
Troy Aikman, UCLA	SR	11	243	159	65.43	6	2.47	2354	9.69	16	6.58	163.6
Chuck Hartlieb, Iowa	SR	12	291	196	67.35	8	2.68	2855	9.55	19	6.35	161.4
Rodney Peete, Southern Cal.	SR	11	299	175	58.53	9	3.09	2460	8.45	19	6.53	146.5
Erik Jones, Vanderbilt	SR	11	229	139	60.70	11	4.80	1954	8.53	16	6.99	145.8
Jeff Burger, Auburn	SR	11	267	178	66.67	9	3.37	2066	7.74	13	4.87	141.0
Todd Santos, San Diego St.	SR	11	492	306	62.20	15	3.05	3932	7.99	26	5.28	140.7
Tom Hodson, Louisiana St.	SR	12	265	162	61.13	9	3.40	2125	8.02	15	5.66	140.4
Terrence Jones, Tulane	SR	11	319	192	60.19	13	4.08	2551	8.00	20	6.27	139.9
Steve Walsh, Miami	SR	11	298	176	59.06	7	2.35	2249	7.55	19	6.38	138.8
Mike Power, Boston College	SR	11	233	133	57.08	9	3.86	2071	8.89	10	4.29	138.2
Mike Perez, San Jose St.	SR	11	408	243	59.56	13	3.19	3260	7.99	22	5.39	138.1
Bill Musgrave, Oregon	SR	10	234	139	59.40	8	3.42	1836	7.85	13	5.56	136.6
Troy Taylor, California	SR	10	248	169	68.13	12	4.32	2081	7.49	18	6.47	136.4
Scott Secules, Virginia	SR	10	268	158	58.96	8	2.99	2013	7.51	13	4.85	132.1
Danny McCoin, Cincinnati	SR	11	296	174	58.78	8	2.70	2311	7.81	12	4.05	132.0
Steve Slayden, Duke	SR	11	201	121	60.20	11	3.83	2106	7.34	15	5.66	131.2
Jeff Francis, Tennessee	SR	11	287	170	59.23	10	3.77	1931	7.29	13	4.53	129.1
Mike Gundy, Oklahoma St.	SR	12	265	147	55.47	18	4.42	3168	7.78	16	3.93	127.1
Ronnie Barber, Cal St. Fullerton	SR	12	407	237	58.23	10	4.13	1786	7.38	12	4.96	126.1
Scooter Molander, Colorado St.	SR	11	242	134	55.37	10	4.13	1786	7.38	12	4.96	126.1
Tom Tupa, Ohio St.	SR	11	242	134	55.37	10	4.13	1786	7.38	12	4.96	126.1

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds	yds pg
Eric Wilkerson, Kent St.	SR	11	1221	269	0	584	2074	188.55
Thurman Thomas, Oklahoma St.	SR	11	1613	184	0	141	1938	176.18
Eric Metcalf, Texas	SR	11	1161	238	324	202	1925	175.00
Terance Mathis, New Mexico	SR	11	36	1132	16	677	1861	169.18
Craig Heyward, Pittsburgh	SR	11	1655	198	0	0	1853	168.45
Tim Brown, Notre Dame	SR	11	144	846	401	452	1843	167.55
Bobby Humphrey, Alabama	SR	11	1255	170	0	356	1781	161.91
Blair Thomas, Penn St.	SR	11	1414	300	0	58	1772	161.00
Tony Jeffery, Texas Christian	SR	10	1353	257	0	0	1610	158.36
Jamie Morris, Michigan	SR	11	1469	126	0	147	1742	154.91
Elbert Woods, Nevada-Las Vegas	SR	11	1658	46	0	0	1701	154.64
John Hood, Central Michigan	SR	11	1121	91	0	489	1672	152.00
Derek Hill, Arizona	SR	11	16	798	237	621	1599	145.36
Kendal Smith, Utah St.	SR	11	0	1048	293	258	1721	143.42
Reggie Cobb, Tennessee	SR	12	1197	198	0	0	1574	143.09
James Dixon, Houston	SR	11	1459	115	0	0	1567	142.45
Ernie Jones, Indiana	SR	11	0	659	0	908	1567	141.91
Brian Taylor, Oregon St.	SR	11	-2	1115	0	784	1559	141.73
Kimble Anders, Houston	SR	11	411	364	0	0	1548	140.73
Anthony Hardy, Purdue	SR	11	841	707	0	542	1526	138.73
Ermitt Smith, Florida	SR	11	-3	723	264	0	1525	138.64

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FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	fga	fg	pct	fg	pg
Collin Mackie, South Carolina	FR	11	30	23	767	2.09	
Derek Schmidt, Florida St.	FR	11	31	23	742	2.09	
Jeff Shudak, Iowa St.	FR	11	25	20	800	1.82	
Gary Gussman, Miami (Ohio)	SR	10	21	18	857	1.80	
David Treadwell, Clemson	SR	12	29	21	724	1.75	
Rob Houghtlin, Iowa	SR	11	24	19	792	1.73	
Chip Brownlyke, Houston	SR	11	22	18	818	1.64	
Alfredo Velasco, UCLA	FR	11	24	18	750	1.64	
John Iwanic, Northern Illinois	SR	11	22	17	773	1.55	
Leonard Chitty, Brigham Young	SR	12	26	18	692	1.50	
Chip Lohmiller, Minnesota	SR	11	19	16	842	1.45	
Wilson Hoyle, Wake Forest	SR	11	20	16	800	1.45	
Todd Gregoire, Wisconsin	SR	11	20	16	696	1.45	
Kevin Nichol, Central Michigan	SR	11	23	16	696	1.45	
Wayne Clements, Texas	SR	11	25	16	640	1.45	
Barry Belli, Fresno St.	SR	11	29	16	552	1.45	
Bill Wright, Temple	JR	11	29	16	552	1.45	

INTERCEPTIONS

	cl	g	no	yds	td	ipg
Keith McMeans, Virginia	FR	10	9	35	0	90
Todd Krumm, Michigan St.	SR	11	9	129	0	82
Chuck Cecil, Arizona	SR	11	9	77	0	82
Johnny Jackson, Houston	SR	11	8	218	3	73
Ricky Dixon, Oklahoma	SR	11	8	214	1	73
Eric Allen, Arizona St.	SR	11	8	185	2	73
Brad Edwards, South Carolina	SR	11	8	132	2	73
Kevin Cook, Virginia	SR	11	8	14	0	67
Rodney Rice, Brigham Young	JR	9	6	51	1	64
Brett Whitley, Northwestern	SR	11	7	202	0	64
A.J. Greene, Wake Forest	SR	11	7	128	2	64
Falanda Newton, Texas Christian	JR	11	7	117	0	64
Todd Sandroni, Mississippi	JR	11	7	47	0	64
Brad Humphreys, Stanford	FR	11	7	22	0	64

RUSHING

	cl	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds	pg
Eliel Woods, Nevada-Las Vegas	SR	11	259	1658	6.4	10	150.73	
Craig Heyward, Pittsburgh	JR	11	357	1655	4.6	11	150.45	
Thurman Thomas, Oklahoma St.	SR	11	250	1613	6.5	18	135.30	
Tony Jeffery, Texas Christian	SR	11	202	1353	6.7	10	133.55	
Jamie Morris, Michigan	SR	11	259	1469	5.7	14	132.64	
Lorenzo White, Michigan St.	SR	11	322	1459	4.5	14	128.55	
Blair Thomas, Penn St.	JR	11	268	1414	5.3	13	123.20	
Keith Jones, Nebraska	JR	10	170	1232	7.2	13	123.00	
Sammie Smith, Florida St.	SR	10	172	1230	7.2	13	121.91	
Emmitt Smith, Florida	SO	10	172	1230	7.1	13	121.91	
Todd McNair, Temple	FR	11	229	1341	5.9	13	117.56	
Mark Higgs, Kentucky	JR	9	249	1058	4.2	6	116.18	
Bobby Humphrey, Alabama	SR	11	193	1278	6.6	10	114.09	
Jim Bell, Boston College	JR	11	238	1255	5.3	11	114.09	
Joe Henderson, Iowa St.	SR	9	213	1015	4.8	3	112.00	
Darrell Thompson, Minnesota	JR	11	262	1232	4.7	5	111.73	
Eric Wilkerson, Kent St.	SR	11	224	1229	5.5	13	111.73	
Steven Webster, Southern Cal.	SR	11	224	1229	5.5	13	111.73	
Gaston Green, UCLA	SO	11	244	1221	5.0	10	111.00	
Michael Downs, Air Force	JR	10	239	1109	4.6	6	110.90	
Bernie Parmelee, Ball St.	SR	10	206	1098	5.3	10	109.58	
John Harvey, UTEP	SR	10	194	1315	6.8	10	109.58	
Eric Metcalf, Texas	FR	10	215	1064	4.9	13	106.40	
	JR	11	235	1170	5.0	16	106.36	
	JR	11	223	1161	5.2	10	105.55	

SCORING

	cl	g	td	xp	fg	pts	ptpg
Paul Hewitt, San Diego St.	JR	12	24	0	0	144	12.00
Derek Schmidt, Florida St.	FR	12	20	0	0	120	10.00
Reggie Cobb, Tennessee	SR	11	18	2	0	110	9.82
Thurman Thomas, Oklahoma St.	JR	11	18	0	0	108	9.82
John Harvey, UTEP	FR	11	0	37	23	106	9.64
Collin Mackie, South Carolina	FR	11	0	46	18	100	9.09
Alfredo Velasco, UCLA	FR	10	15	0	0	90	9.00
Bernie Parmelee, Ball St.	SO	10	15	0	0	90	9.00
Harold Green, South Carolina	SR	10	15	0	0	90	9.00
Kenny Jackson, San Jose St.	SR	10	14	2	0	86	8.60
Lars Tate, Georgia	SR	11	0	43	17	94	8.55
Greg Cox, Miami	JR	12	17	0	0	102	8.50
James Rouse, Arkansas	JR	12	17	0	0	102	8.50
Heikoti Fakava, Hawaii	SR	12	0	39	21	102	8.50
Rob Houghtlin, Iowa	SR	10	0	28	18	82	8.20
David Treadwell, Clemson	SR	10	0	28	18	82	8.20
Dayne Williams, Florida St.	JR	11	15	0	0	90	8.18
R.D. Lashar, Oklahoma	FR	11	0	59	10	89	8.09
Tim Vestling, Syracuse	SR	11	0	43	15	88	8.00
Keith Jones, Nebraska	SR	10	13	2	0	80	8.00
Kimble Anders, Houston	SR	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Tommy Kane, Syracuse	SR	11	14	0	0	84	7.64
Lorenzo White, Michigan St.	SR	11	14	0	0	84	7.64

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
B. Sanders, Oklahoma St.	So	14	442	2	31.57
Darryl Usher, Illinois	So	15	445	0	29.67
Darrin Greer, California	Jr	18	510	0	28.33
James Dixon, Houston	Jr	33	908	1	27.52
Sam Martin, Louisiana St.	So	17	459	0	26.95
Brock Smith, Fresno St.	Fr	19	512	1	26.95
Randal Hill, Miami	So	19	497	0	26.16
J. Hood, Central Michigan	So	19	489	0	25.74
James Saxon, San Jose St.	Fr	19	488	0	25.68
Jon Jeffries, Virginia Tech.	Fr	22	561	1	25.50
Brett Payne, Utah St.	So	21	524	0	24.95
D. Tillman, Southern Miss.	So	26	646	0	24.85

PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Alan Grant, Stanford	Jr	27	446	2	16.52
B. Sanders, Oklahoma St.	So	15	244	2	16.27
Donnell Woolford, Clemson	Jr	21	326	1	15.52
Nate Lewis, Georgia	Jr	14	195	1	13.93
J. Henry, Southern Miss.	Jr	41	556	4	13.56
Eric Metcalf, Texas	Jr	24	324	1	13.50
Bernard Hall, Oklahoma	Jr	11	145	0	13.18
M. Gilbreath, San Diego St.	So	16	205	0	12.81
Joey Hamilton, Louisville	So	17	209	0	12.29
Rodney Taylor, Northern Ill.	Jr	23	282	1	12.26
C. Gordon, Eastern Mich.	So	20	245	0	12.25
Todd White, Cal St. Fullerton	So	31	374	0	12.06

RECEIVING

	cl	g	cl	yds	td	clpg
Jason Phillips, Houston	JR	11	99	875	3	9.00
Guy Liggins, San Jose St.	SR	11	77	1208	10	7.00
Marc Zeno, Tulane	SR	11	76	985	3	6.91
Ron Jenkins, Fresno St.	SR	11	73	1132	8	6.64
Terance Mathis, New Mexico	JR	11	72	993	7	6.55
Wendell Davis, Louisiana St.	SR	11	67	1048	7	6.09
Kendall Smith, Utah St.	JR	11	66	415	0	6.00
Shane Hall, New Mexico	SR	12	68	786	3	5.67
Bill Hoffman, Wyoming	SR	11	62	587	0	5.64
Roger Boone, Duke	JR	11	61	978	8	5.55
Hart Lee Dykes, Oklahoma St.	SR	11	61	707	6	5.55
Kimble Anders, Houston	SR	11	61	561	2	5.55
James Saxon, San Jose St.	SR	11	59	1115	12	5.36
Ernie Jones, Indiana	SR	11	59	701	3	5.36
Steve Broussard, Washington St.	SR	11	59	659	3	5.36
James Dixon, Houston	JR	10	53	673	4	5.30
Dennis Ross, Iowa St.	JR	11	58	691	10	5.27
Robb Thomas, Oregon St.	SR	11	58	723	3	5.27
Anthony Hardy, Purdue	JR	12	63	826	3	5.25
Carl Harry, Utah	SR	11	57	1093	11	5.18
Clarkston Hines, Duke	FR	10	51	548	3	5.10
Matt Bellini, Brigham Young	SR	11	56	862	5	5.09
Sterling Sharpe, South Carolina	SO	11	56	625	3	5.09
Phil Ross, Oregon St.	SO	11	56	625	3	5.09

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

PLAYER	player, team (opponent, date)	total
Rushing and Passing	Dave Telford, Fresno St. (Utah St., Nov 14)	79
Rushing and passing plays	Dave Telford, Fresno St. (Pacific, Oct 24)	548
Rushing and passing yards	Dave Telford, Fresno St. (Indiana, Nov 14)	56
Rushing plays	Lorenzo White, Michigan St. (Minnesota, Oct 10)	295
Net rushing yards	Byron Sanders, Northwestern (Minnesota, Oct 10)	70
Passes attempted	Dave Telford, Fresno St. (Utah St., Nov 14)	40
Passes completed	Dave Telford, Fresno St. (Stanford, Oct 17)	40
Passing yards	Todd Santos, San Diego St. (Utah St., Nov 14)	536
	Dave Telford, Fresno St. (Stanford, Oct 17)	536
	Todd Santos, San Diego St. (Pacific, Oct 24)	536
	Dave Telford, Fresno St. (Pacific, Oct 24)	7
Touchdown passes	Chuck Hartlieb, Iowa (Northwestern, Nov 7)	16
Receiving and returns	Ron Jenkins, Fresno St. (Pacific, Oct 24)	16
Passes caught	Jamie Hence, Western Mich. (Ohio, Nov 21)	256
	Quinn Early, Iowa (Northwestern, Nov 7)	150
	Tim Brown, Notre Dame (Michigan St., Sept 19)	217
	James Dixon, Houston (Sam Houston St., Sept 26)	181
Receiving yards	Johnny Jackson, Houston (Texas, Nov 7)	30
Punt-return yards	Heikoti Fakava, Hawaii (Yale, Oct 3)	5
Kickoff-return yards	Gary Gussman, Miami (Ohio) (Central Mich., Sept 5)	5
Interception yards	Wilson Hoyle, Wake Forest (North Carolina, Oct 10)	5
Scoring	Doug Peterson, Duke (Maryland, Oct 24)	5
Points scored		
Field goals		
TEAM	team (opponent, date)	total
Net rushing yards	Air Force (New Mexico, Nov 14)	646
Passing yards	San Diego St. (Long Beach St., Oct 24)	584
Rushing and passing yards	Pittsburgh (Brigham Young, Sept 5)	676
Fewest rushing yards allowed	South Caro. (N.C. St., Oct 31)	36
Fewest rush-pass yards allowed	Fresno St. (Utah St., Nov 14)	70
Passes attempted	Fresno St. (Stanford, Oct 17)	40
Passes completed	San Diego St. (Utah St., Nov 14)	73
Points scored	Fresno St. (Tulane, Oct 31)	73
	Air Force (New Mexico, Nov 14)	73

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	cl	no	avg
Tom Tupa, Ohio St.	SR	63	47.03
Doug Robinson, Stanford	SR	44	45.70
Scott Tabor, California	SR	66	45.35
Craig Salmon, North Carolina St.	SR	64	44.95
Greg Montgomery, Michigan St.	Jr	62	44.71
Chris Becker, Texas Christian	SR	59	43.97
Barry Helton, Colorado	Fr	40	43.95
Tony Rhynes, Nevada-Las Vegas	SR	56	43.70
Monte Robbins, Michigan	So	45	43.64
Alex Waits, Texas	Jr	71	43.56
Pat Thompson, Brigham Young	SR	59	43.37
Don Cruse, Utah	Jr	65	42.97
Tom Kilpatrick, Wyoming	Jr	57	42.95
Wayne Ross, San Diego St.	SR	60	42.61
Mike Schuh, Arizona St.	Jr	61	42.58



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USHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Alabama	11	730	4717	6.5	52	428.8
Air Force	12	784	4635	5.9	43	386.3
Nebraska	11	673	4108	6.1	40	373.5
Colorado	11	665	3370	5.1	28	306.4
Army	11	749	3278	4.4	28	298.0
Northern Illinois	11	701	3246	4.6	31	295.1
Texas Christian	11	618	3241	5.2	24	294.6
Georgia	11	596	3019	5.1	27	272.3
Florida St.	11	530	2995	5.7	34	272.3
Arkansas	11	572	2884	4.2	31	266.3
West Virginia	11	620	2927	4.7	25	266.1
Michigan	11	615	2820	4.6	19	256.2
Missouri	11	618	2773	4.5	33	252.1
Notre Dame	11	607	2687	4.4	26	244.3
Clemson	11	535	2651	5.0	21	241.0
Minnesota	11	640	2619	4.1	22	238.1
Michigan St.	11	653	2587	4.0	15	235.2
Navy	11					

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Michigan St.	11	360	676	1.9	5	61.5
Clemson	11	388	880	2.3	10	80.0
San Jose St.	11	408	926	2.3	9	84.2
UCLA	11	373	936	2.5	6	94.2
South Carolina	11	419	1036	2.5	6	96.7
Miami	11	455	1064	2.3	5	100.7
Arkansas	12	393	1208	3.1	9	105.7
Oklahoma	11	456	1163	2.6	4	105.7
Nebraska	11	423	1177	2.8	9	109.4
Texas A&M	11	463	1203	2.6	9	117.3
Pittsburgh	11	479	1290	2.7	6	121.9
Penn St.	12	500	1341	3.0	11	123.0
Iowa	11	450	1471	2.9	11	122.6
Syracuse	11	437	1353	3.1	7	125.5
Auburn	11	437	1380	3.2	7	127.8
Central Michigan	11	414	1406	3.4	11	127.8
Georgia	11	402	1407	3.5	6	127.9

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Oklahoma	11	829	5497	6.6	61	499.73
Nebraska	11	835	5379	6.4	56	489.00
Florida St.	11	848	5361	6.3	52	487.36
Wyoming	12	951	5655	5.9	49	471.25
San Jose St.	11	831	5119	6.2	49	465.36
UCLA	11	826	4886	5.9	48	443.33
Air Force	12	904	5320	5.9	48	440.27
Louisiana St.	11	747	4843	6.5	42	440.27
Syracuse	11	778	4843	6.2	45	440.27
San Diego St.	12	924	5263	5.7	46	438.58
Iowa	12	900	5254	5.8	43	437.83
Utah	12	889	5250	5.9	38	437.50
Southern Cal	11	846	4734	5.6	37	430.36
Oklahoma St.	11	796	4637	5.8	44	421.55
Duke	11	873	4609	5.3	36	419.00
Tulane	11	825	4587	5.6	46	417.00
South Carolina	11	835	4515	5.4	33	410.45
Tennessee	12	858	4871	5.7	48	405.92

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Oklahoma	11	704	2289	3.3	7	208.1
Michigan St.	11	676	2482	3.7	13	225.6
South Carolina	11	714	2501	3.5	11	227.4
Pittsburgh	11	699	2563	3.7	11	233.0
Clemson	11	704	2640	3.8	17	240.0
Miami	11	739	2682	3.6	10	243.8
Texas A&M	11	728	2692	3.7	16	244.7
Nebraska	11	734	2912	4.0	15	264.7
Florida	11	744	2956	4.0	11	273.8
Auburn	11	752	3012	4.0	11	274.0
West Virginia	11	748	3014	4.0	19	274.2
Florida St.	11	732	3016	4.1	14	274.9
UCLA	11	731	3024	4.1	22	285.3
Syracuse	11	736	3138	4.3	14	285.5
Michigan	11	707	3141	4.4	18	285.6
Iowa	12	811	3427	4.2	25	301.3
San Jose St.	11	809	3314	4.1	21	301.3
Kentucky	11	751	3314	4.4	22	301.3
Notre Dame	11	719	3314	4.6	22	301.3

*Touchdowns scored by rushing-passing only

TURNOVER MARGIN

	turnovers gained	turnovers lost	margin
	turn	int	total
Southern Cal	18	19	1
UCLA	12	22	10
Oklahoma St.	18	17	1
Auburn	17	22	5
Pacific	18	19	1
Alabama	18	19	1
Eastern Michigan	12	16	4

SCORING OFFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Oklahoma	11	479	43.5
Florida St.	11	450	40.9
Nebraska	11	423	38.5
UCLA	11	392	35.6
Miami	11	390	35.5
San Jose St.	11	374	34.0
Oklahoma St.	11	407	33.9
Wyoming	12	363	33.0
Syracuse	12	395	32.9
Tennessee	11	358	32.5
Tulane	12	377	31.4
Air Force	11	335	30.5
Louisiana St.	11	360	30.0
Iowa	11	329	29.9
Notre Dame	11	328	29.8
South Carolina	12	357	29.8
San Diego St.	12		

SCORING DEFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Oklahoma	11	82	7.5
South Carolina	11	111	10.1
Miami	11	111	10.1
Pittsburgh	11	114	10.4
Auburn	11	116	10.5
Nebraska	11	133	12.1
Florida St.	11	135	12.3
Michigan St.	11	136	12.4
Michigan	11	148	13.5
Syracuse	11	153	13.9

KICKOFF RETURNS

	g	no	yds	td	avg
Oklahoma St.	11	29	687	2	23.7
Houston	11	51	1,189	1	23.3
Illinois	11	37	846	0	22.9
Miami	11	25	565	0	22.6
West Virginia	11	33	734	1	22.2
Fresno St.	11	38	837	0	22.1
Louisiana St.	11	28	521	0	21.7
Colorado	11	48	1,041	0	21.7
California	11	37	801	0	21.6
San Jose St.	11				

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PASSING OFFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	yds pg
San Jose St.	11	450	271	13	60.2	3719	8.3	26	338.1
San Diego St.	12	509	314	16	61.7	3990	7.8	25	323.7
Utah	11	470	266	20	56.6	3443	7.3	23	313.0
Duke	12	522	282	18	56.7	3265	6.5	15	296.8
Wyoming	11	499	283	13	61.7	3559	8.6	23	293.6
Houston	12	413	255	13	55.3	3230	6.3	17	291.8
Iowa	11	514	284	27	55.3	3501	7.3	18	286.5
New Mexico	12	477	276	23	57.9	3152	6.4	19	279.7
Brigham Young	11	489	257	26	52.6	3077	7.1	13	279.7
Oregon St.	11	434	248	14	57.1	3016	6.7	21	274.2
Fresno St.	11	448	237	16	52.9	3206	7.7	16	266.5
Utah St.	12	418	240	18	55.3	2931	7.4	10	263.5
Colorado St.	11	394	218	21	55.3	2899	6.3	13	249.8
South Carolina	11	463	213	26	57.1	2748	6.9	13	249.8
Western Michigan	11	399	228	18	57.1	2643	7.9	21	240.3
Maryland	11	336	196	13	58.3	2577	8.3	20	234.3
Tulane	11	311	186	10	59.8				
Southern Cal	11								

PASSING DEFENSE

	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	yds pg
Oklahoma	11	248	108	25	43.5	1126	4.5	3	102.4
Illinois	11	185	83	9	44.9	1152	6.2	5	104.7
Kansas	11	190	95	6	50.0	1273	5.8	5	115.7
Pittsburgh	11	220	106	11	57.6	1399	5.8	7	133.2
Navy	11	184	106	14	52.0	1465	5.0	5	133.2
West Virginia	11	252	131	23	44.7	1465	6.1	12	135.0
South Carolina	11	295	132	23	44.7	1485	5.6	7	135.4
Memphis St.	11	243	124	12	43.8	1489	5.6	4	137.5
Texas A&M	11	265	116	12	47.6	1512	5.0	5	142.1
Florida	11	269	128	15	47.6	1563	5.6	9	142.5
Florida St.	11	310	129	12	45.0	1567	6.2	8	147.1
Baylor	11	282	127	13	47.1	1618	5.7	5	147.1
Notre Dame	11	263	124	13	52.8	1618	6.8	9	148.2
Miami	11	284	150	14	53.9	1630	5.2	4	148.4
Indiana	11	241	130	7	53.9	1630	5.2	4	148.4
Auburn	11	315	153	22	48.6	1632	6.5	14	152.8
Tulsa	11	259	134	13	51.7	1681			

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● The NCAA has taken the suspense out of the 1988 national championship. For the past two years, the battle for the No. 1 ranking has been staged on the final night of the season. On January 2 of 1987, Penn State and Miami carried 11-0 records into the Fiesta Bowl. When linebacker Pete Giftopoulos picked off his second interception (and his team's fifth) on fourth-and-goal on the game's final play, he preserved a 14-10 victory that gave the Nittany Lions their second title.

Then, last New Year's Day, Miami capped a perfect season with a 20-14 triumph over previously unbeaten Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. The runner-up in the polls was Florida State, whose only loss was by one point to the Hurricanes in early October. And that when the Seminoles, disdaining the tie, went for the win with a two-point conversion attempt that failed. They ended the year with a 31-28 victory over Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl. That marked the first time two teams from the same state finished No. 1 and No. 2.

The winner of the state championship in Florida could well emerge as the nation's top team again. Saturday, September 3 will see a rematch between Miami and Florida State in the Orange Bowl. The Hurricanes have won the last three meetings, and followed up in each case with a date on New Year's Day with the national title at stake. They lost 12 players to the NFL in April, but return 10 starters, including quarterback Steve Walsh. But he will be without his three outstanding receivers—Michael Irvin, Brian Blades, and Brett Perri-man. The defense will be minus Danny Stubbs, the school's career sack leader, and All-America safety Bennie Blades. Back are honors candidates Rod Carter and Bill Hawkins and Orange Bowl MVP Bernard Clark.

Florida State counters with 14 returning starters—and perhaps its best team ever. Quarterback Danny McManus is gone. His place will be taken by Chip Ferguson, who was the 1985 Gator Bowl MVP. Ferguson has a wealth of complementary talent. Junior tailback Sammie Smith, a world-class sprinter, rushed for over 1,200 yards in '87. Wide receiver Ron Lewis is an All-America candidate, as is lineman Pat Tomberlin. The defense lost Butkus Award-winning linebacker Paul McGowan but is anchored by cornerback

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Deion Sanders (see photo), the premier player in the country at his position.

The battle for bragging rights in South Carolina will be staged on November 19 in Clemson when the Tigers and Gamecocks meet in another intrastate rivalry that surely will affect the national picture as well. Carolina won last year, 20-7, in Columbia and finished at No. 15 in the polls. Clemson defeated Penn State in the Florida Citrus Bowl and wound up at No. 10 in the UPI balloting and No. 12 by AP.

Southern Cal and UCLA will meet for the key to the city of L.A. on November 19 in the Coliseum. The game could determine the Pac-10 representative in the Rose Bowl. The Trojans

won last year's game, then were defeated by Michigan State in Pasadena. UCLA went on to its sixth consecutive bowl victory, over Florida in the Aloha. The game will also feature two of the country's leading quarterbacks and contenders for the Heisman Trophy—Rodney Peete of USC and Troy Aikman of UCLA.

Oklahoma could have used Aikman in last January's loss to Miami. The former Sooner broke his leg against Miami in his sophomore year, was replaced by wishbone operative Jamelle Holieway, then transferred to UCLA. He could be the No. 1 pick in next spring's National Football League draft. In the meantime, Oklahoma hopes for a full recovery of an in-



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Top 20

1. Florida State
2. Southern Cal
3. Texas A&M
4. Clemson
5. UCLA
6. South Carolina
7. Auburn
8. Miami
9. Oklahoma
10. Nebraska
11. Iowa
12. Alabama
13. Michigan State
14. Texas
15. Penn State
16. Michigan
17. Notre Dame
18. Louisiana State
19. Washington
20. Pittsburgh

jured Holieway and yet another showdown with Nebraska for the Big Eight title.

Texas A&M will stake its claim to the top spot. The Aggies shut down Notre Dame and Heisman winner Tim Brown in the Cotton Bowl a year ago and appear to be the class of the Southwest, ahead of Texas and the sensational Eric Metcalf.

Any of five teams could win the Southeastern Conference. Auburn lost Aundray Bruce (the No. 1 pick of the Atlanta Falcons) but returns Tracy Rocker on defense and Lawyer Tillman on offense. Alabama features Bobby Humphrey, who could be the best running back in the nation. LSU is led by quarterback

Tommy Hodson, but the Tigers have a brutal schedule. Georgia and Tennessee also will compete for league honors.

In the East it's Penn State and Pittsburgh. Again. The Nittany Lions, a year removed from their national title, fell out of the Top 20. The Panthers suffered a major loss when Craig Heyward decided to forfeit his remaining year of eligibility and turn professional.

Michigan State, after recovering some honor for the Big Ten with a Rose Bowl victory, will go as far as quarterback Bobby McAllister can take it. But Iowa, behind quarterback Chuck Hartlieb, and Michigan pose the most serious threats to the Spartans.

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Final Conference Standings

DIVISION I-A

Atlantic Coast

	conference			overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Clemson	6	1	0	10	2	0
Virginia	5	2	0	8	4	0
North Carolina St.	4	3	0	4	7	0
Wake Forest	4	3	0	7	4	0
Maryland	3	3	0	4	7	0
North Carolina	3	4	0	5	6	0
Duke	2	5	0	5	6	0
Georgia Tech	0	6	0	2	9	0

Big Eight

Oklahoma	7	0	0	11	1	0
Nebraska	6	1	0	10	2	0
Oklahoma St.	5	2	0	10	2	0
Colorado	4	3	0	7	4	0
Missouri	3	4	0	5	6	0
Iowa St.	2	5	0	3	8	0
Kansas	0	6	1	1	9	1
Kansas St.	0	6	1	0	10	1

Big Ten

Michigan St.	7	0	1	9	2	1
Iowa	6	2	0	10	3	0
Indiana	6	2	0	8	4	0
Michigan	5	3	0	8	4	0
Ohio St.	4	4	0	6	4	1
Minnesota	3	5	0	6	5	0
Purdue	3	5	0	3	7	1
Illinois	2	5	1	3	7	1
Northwestern	2	6	0	2	8	1
Wisconsin	1	7	0	3	8	0

Mid-American

Eastern Michigan	7	1	0	10	2	0
Kent	5	3	0	7	4	0
Miami (Ohio)	5	3	0	5	6	0
Bowling Green	5	3	0	5	6	0
Western Michigan	4	4	0	5	6	0
Central Michigan	3	4	1	5	5	1
Toledo	3	4	1	3	7	1
Ball St.	3	5	0	4	7	0
Ohio	0	8	0	1	10	0

PCAA

San Jose St.	7	0	0	10	2	0
Fresno St.	4	3	0	6	5	0
Cal St. Fullerton	4	3	0	6	6	0
Nev.-Las Vegas	4	3	0	5	6	0
Utah St.	4	3	0	5	6	0
Pacific	3	4	0	4	7	0
Long Beach St.	2	5	0	4	7	0
New Mexico St.	0	7	0	2	9	0

Pacific-10

UCLA	7	1	0	10	2	0
Southern Cal	7	1	0	8	4	0
Washington	4	3	1	7	4	1
Arizona St.	3	3	1	7	4	1
Oregon	4	4	0	6	5	0
Stanford	4	4	0	5	6	0
Arizona	2	3	3	4	4	3
California	2	3	2	3	6	2
Washington St.	1	5	1	3	7	1
Oregon St.	0	7	0	2	9	0

Southeastern

Auburn	5	0	1	9	1	2
Louisiana St.	5	1	0	10	1	1
Tennessee	4	1	1	10	2	1
Georgia	4	2	0	9	3	0
Alabama	4	2	0	7	5	0
Florida	3	3	0	6	6	0
Kentucky	1	5	0	5	6	0
Vanderbilt	1	5	0	4	7	0
Mississippi St.	1	5	0	4	7	0
Mississippi	1	5	0	3	8	0

Southwest

Texas A&M	6	1	0	10	2	0
Arkansas	5	2	0	9	4	0
Texas	5	2	0	7	5	0
Texas Tech	3	3	1	6	4	1
Baylor	3	4	0	6	5	0
Texas Christian	3	4	0	5	6	0
Houston	2	4	1	4	6	1
Rice	0	7	0	2	9	0

Western Athletic

Wyoming	8	0	0	10	3	0
Brigham Young	7	1	0	9	4	0
Air Force	6	2	0	9	4	0
UTEP	5	3	0	7	4	0
San Diego St.	4	4	0	5	7	0
Hawaii	3	5	0	5	7	0
Utah	2	6	0	5	7	0
Colorado St.	1	7	0	1	11	0
New Mexico	0	8	0	0	11	0

Independents

Miami	12	0	0
Syracuse	11	0	1
Florida State	11	1	0
Notre Dame	8	4	0
South Carolina	8	4	0
Penn State	8	4	0
Pittsburgh	8	4	0
Southern Mississippi	6	5	0
Rutgers	6	5	0
Tulane	6	6	0
Southwestern Louisiana	6	5	0
West Virginia	6	6	0
Memphis State	5	5	1
Northern Illinois	5	5	1
Eastern Carolina	5	6	0
East Carolina	5	6	0
Army	5	6	0
Akron	4	7	0
Cincinnati	4	7	0
Louisville	3	7	1
Temple	3	8	0
Tulsa	3	8	0
Navy	2	9	0
Virginia Tech	2	9	0

DIVISION I-AA

Big Sky

Idaho	7	1	0	9	3	0
Weber St.	7	1	0	10	3	0
Montana	5	3	0	6	5	0
Northern Arizona	4	4	0	7	4	0
Boise St.	4	4	0	6	5	0
Nevada-Reno	4	4	0	5	6	0
Idaho St.	3	5	0	3	7	1
Eastern Washington	2	6	0	4	7	0
Montana St.	0	8	0	1	10	0

Colonial

Holy Cross	4	0	0	11	0	0
Lehigh	3	1	1	5	5	1
Colgate	2	2	0	7	4	0
Lafayette	2	3	0	4	7	0
Bucknell	1	3	1	4	5	1
Davidson	0	3	0	1	10	0

Gateway

Northern Iowa	6	0	0	10	4	0
Western Illinois	5	1	0	7	4	0
Eastern Illinois	3	3	0	5	6	0
SW Missouri St.	3	3	0	5	6	0
Indiana St.	2	4	0	5	6	0
Southern Illinois	2	4	0	3	8	0
Illinois St.	0	6	0	3	7	0

Ivy League

Harvard	6	1	0	8	2	0
Yale	5	2	0	7	3	0
Brown	5	2	0	7	3	0
Princeton	4	3	0	6	4	0
Cornell	4	3	0	5	5	0
Pennsylvania	3	4	0	4	6	0
Dartmouth	1	6	0	2	8	0
Columbia	0	7	0	0	10	0

Mid-Eastern Athletic

Howard	5	0	0	9	1	0
Delaware St.	4	1	0	7	3	0
South Carolina St.	3	2	0	6	5	0
Bethune-Cookman	2	3	0	4	7	0
North Carolina A&T	1	4	0	3	8	0
Morgan St.	0	5	0	1	9	0
Florida A&M	-	-	-	5	5	1

*Ineligible for conference title.

Ohio Valley

Eastern Kentucky	5	1	0	9	3	0
Youngstown St.	5	1	0	8	4	0
Middle Tenn. St.	4	2	0	6	5	0
Murray St.	3	3	0	6	5	0
Tennessee Tech	2	4	0	5	6	0
Morehead St.	1	5	0	2	8	0
Austin Peay	1	5	0	2	9	0
Tennessee St.*	-	-	-	3	7	1

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Southern

Appalachian St.	7	0	0	11	3	0
Marshall	4	2	0	10	5	0
Furman	4	3	0	7	4	0
Tenn.-Chattanooga	4	3	0	6	5	0
Va. Military	2	4	0	4	7	0
Western Carolina	2	4	0	4	7	0
East Tennessee St.	2	5	0	5	6	0
Citadel	1	5	0	4	7	0

Southland*

NE Louisiana	6	0	0	13	2	0
Sam Houston St.	5	1	0	8	3	0
North Texas St.	5	1	0	7	5	0
NW Louisiana	3	3	0	6	5	0
Southwest Tex. St.	2	4	0	4	7	0
S. F. Austin St.	1	5	0	3	7	1
McNeese St.	1	5	0	2	9	0

*There were six designated conference games:

Northwest La. (2-0) vs. Louisiana Tech and Arkansas St.; Sam Houston St. (2-0) vs. Texas Southern and Western Ill.; S. F. Austin St. (1-0) vs. Nicholls St.; and McNeese St. (0-1) vs. Louisiana Tech.

Southwestern Athletic

Jackson St.	7	0	0	8	3	1
Alcorn St.	5	2	0	6	3	0
Southern	5	2	0	7	4	0
Alabama St.	4	3	0	8	3	0
Grambling	3	4	0	5	6	0
Texas Southern	3	4	0	5	6	0
Prairie View	1	6	0	3	7	1
Miss. Valley St.	0	7	0	1	10	0

Yankee

Richmond	6	1	0	7	5	0
Maine	6	1	0	8	4	0
Connecticut	5	2	0	7	4	0
New Hampshire	4	3	0	7	3	0
Delaware	2	5	0	5	6	0
Massachusetts	2	5	0	3	8	0
Boston U.	2	5	0	3	8	0
Rhode Island	1	6	0	1	10	0
Villanova*	-	-	-	6	4	0

*Ineligible for conference title.

Independents

James Madison	9	3	0
Georgia Southern	9	4	0
Western Kentucky	7	4	0
Arkansas State	8	4	1
Northeastern	6	5	0
Nicholls State	5	5	1
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FINAL DIVISION I-AA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

**Kenny
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Colgate

TOTAL OFFENSE

	car	rushing		passing				total offense				
		gain	loss	net	att	yds	pls	yds	yd/pl	ldr*	yds	pg
Jeff Wiley, Holy Cross	45	157	112	45	400	3677	445	3722	8.36	34	338.36	
John Friesz, Idaho	41	26	214	-188	502	3677	543	3489	6.43	28	317.18	
Tony Petersen, Marshall	53	84	204	-120	466	3529	519	3409	6.57	23	309.91	
Stan Humphries, Northeast La.	76	290	144	146	338	2622	414	2768	6.69	22	276.80	
Jason Whitmer, Idaho St.	62	82	265	-183	340	2616	402	2433	6.05	20	270.33	
Greg Wyatt, Northern Arizona	67	146	179	-33	412	3002	479	2969	6.20	21	269.91	
Jeff Carlson, Weber St.	67	146	179	-33	412	3002	479	2969	6.20	21	269.91	
Frank Baur, Lafayette	65	149	267	-118	364	3044	429	2926	6.82	16	257.50	
Mike Buck, Maine	80	264	215	49	377	2526	457	2575	5.63	16	248.55	
Vince Alcalde, Boise St.	46	99	123	-24	387	2758	433	2734	6.31	22	239.91	
Reggie Lewis, Sam Houston St.	85	272	156	116	329	2523	414	2639	6.37	20	234.36	
Michael Proctor, Murray St.	100	683	168	515	236	2063	336	2578	7.67	22	233.82	
Bob Jean, New Hampshire	72	343	146	197	287	2375	359	2572	7.16	16	233.44	
Kirk Schultz, Villanova	38	130	163	-33	301	2134	339	2101	6.20	17	220.20	
John Brosnahan, William & Mary	56	40	176	-136	325	2338	381	2202	5.78	21	217.64	
Kelly Ryan, Yale	111	568	190	378	267	2016	378	2394	6.33	21	212.09	
Jim Zaccheo, Nevada-Reno	26	62	52	10	285	2110	311	2120	6.82	16	212.00	
Paul Singer, Western Ill.	87	378	214	164	252	2158	339	2322	6.85	17	211.09	
Bobby McDonald, Nicholls St.	41	43	233	-190	418	2508	459	2318	5.05	23	210.73	
Greg Ross, Bethune-Cookman	50	82	271	-189	377	2491	427	2302	5.39	19	209.27	
Jason Garrett, Princeton	36	67	113	-46	297	2124	333	2078	6.24	14	207.80	
Matt Degennaro, Connecticut	94	284	271	13	251	2057	345	2070	6.00	9	207.00	
Scott Werbelow, Montana	98	259	233	26	319	2206	417	2232	5.35	21	202.91	
*Touchdowns responsible for	59	90	168	-78	203	1883	262	1805	6.89	16	200.56	

Passing Efficiency

(Min. 15 att)

PASSING EFFICIENCY

(Min. 15 att. per game)	cl	g	att	cmp	pct	int	pct	yds	avg	td	pct	rating
Jeff Wiley, Holy Cross	JR	11	400	265	66.25	17	4.25	3677	9.19	34	8.50	163.0
Scott Werbelow, Montana	SR	9	203	133	65.52	8	3.94	1883	9.28	16	7.88	161.6
Reggie Lewis, Sam Houston St.	SR	11	236	132	55.93	8	3.39	2063	8.74	16	6.78	145.0
Jim Zaccheo, Nevada-Reno	JR	11	252	153	60.71	13	5.16	2158	8.56	15	5.95	142.0
Greg Wyatt, Northern Arizona	SO	11	412	268	65.05	10	2.43	3002	7.29	24	5.83	140.6
Jason Garrett, Princeton	JR	10	251	162	64.54	7	2.79	2057	8.20	8	3.19	138.3
John Friesz, Idaho	SO	11	502	311	61.95	14	2.79	3677	7.32	28	5.58	136.3
Jeff Carlson, Weber St.	JR	11	364	199	54.67	11	3.02	3044	8.36	19	5.22	136.1
Kelly Ryan, Yale	SR	10	285	170	59.65	7	2.46	2110	7.40	16	5.61	135.5
John Brosnahan, William & Mary	JR	11	267	158	59.18	12	4.49	2016	7.55	17	6.37	134.6
Vince Alcalde, Boise St.	SR	11	329	182	55.32	10	3.04	2523	7.67	20	6.08	133.7
Kirk Schultz, Villanova	SO	10	325	196	60.31	17	5.23	2338	7.19	23	7.08	133.6
Jason Whitmer, Idaho St.	FR	9	340	188	55.29	13	3.82	2616	7.69	20	5.88	131.7
John Sahn, Indiana St.	SO	9	162	75	46.30	5	3.09	1296	8.00	11	6.79	129.7
Matt Degennaro, Connecticut	FR	11	319	193	60.50	13	4.08	2206	6.92	18	5.64	129.1
Michael Proctor, Murray St.	SO	11	287	152	52.96	11	3.83	2375	8.28	12	4.18	128.6
Mike Smith, Northern Iowa	SR	10	272	159	58.46	11	4.04	2011	7.39	13	4.78	128.2
Stan Humphries, Northeast La.	SO	11	338	176	52.07	15	4.44	2622	7.76	18	5.33	125.9
Mike Buck, Maine	JR	10	189	106	56.08	11	5.82	1551	8.21	7	3.70	125.6
Damon Phelan, Colgate	JR	9	301	165	54.82	12	3.99	2134	7.09	15	4.98	122.8
Bob Jean, New Hampshire	SR	11	466	251	53.66	25	5.36	3529	7.57	22	4.72	122.3
Tony Petersen, Marshall	SR	11	332	197	59.34	11	3.31	2225	6.70	13	3.92	121.9
Trenton Lykes, Youngstown St.	SR	11	332	197	59.34	11	3.31	2225	6.70	13	3.92	121.9

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

PLAYER

Rushing and passing

	player, team (opponent, date)	total
Rushing and passing yards	Chris Swartz, Morehead St. (Tennessee Tech, Oct. 17)	73
Rushing plays	Tony Petersen, Marshall (W. Carolina, Nov. 14)	73
Net rushing yards	Tony Petersen, Marshall (W. Carolina, Nov. 14)	447
	Randy Pettus, Boston U. (Villanova, Oct. 3)	40
Passes attempted	Harvey Reed, Howard (Newberry Sept. 12)	260
Passes completed	Joe Arnold, Western Ky. (North Caro. A&T, Nov. 21)	260
Passing yards	Tony Petersen, Marshall (W. Carolina, Nov. 14)	68
Touchdown passes	Greg Wyatt, Northern Ariz. (Idaho, Sept. 26)	39
Receiving and returns	Tony Petersen, Marshall (W. Carolina, Nov. 14)	481
Passes caught	Jeff Wiley, Holy Cross (Lehigh, Sept. 26)	7
Receiving yards	Gordie Lockbaum, Holy Cross (Villanova, Nov. 19)	15
Punt return yards	Ken Gilstrap, Tenn. Tech (Morehead St. Oct. 17)	262
Kickoff return yards	Craig Hodge, Tennessee St. (Morgan St., Oct. 24)	206
Scoring	Terry Brown, Columbia (Bucknell, Oct. 24)	220
Points scored	Erwin Matthews, Richmond (Mass., Sept. 19)	36

TEAM

	team (opponent, date)	total
Net rushing yards	Arkansas St. (East Tex. St., Sept. 26)	604
Passing yards	Bethune-Cookman (Howard, Sept. 19)	487
Rushing and passing yards	Howard (Bethune-Cookman, Sept. 19)	740
Fewest rushing yards allowed	Southern-B.R. (Tennessee St. Oct. 31)	54
Fewest rush-pass yards allowed	Jackson St. (Prairie View, Sept. 19)	44
Passes attempted	Marshall (W. Carolina, Nov. 14)	72
Passes completed	Bethune-Cookman (Howard, Sept. 19)	40
Points scored	Arkansas St. (East Tex. St., Sept. 26)	77

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	cl	g	rush	rec	pr	kor	yds	yds pg
Dave Meggell, Towson St.	JR	9	814	572	78	327	1791	199.00
Kenny Gamble, Colgate	SR	11	1411	151	64	271	2097	190.64
Gordie Lockbaum, Holy Cross	SR	11	403	1152	209	277	2041	185.55
Erwin Matthews, Richmond	JR	11	1234	132	0	529	1895	172.27
Carl Boyd, Northern Iowa	SR	11	973	705	0	183	1861	169.18
Fine Unga, Weber St.	SR	11	1032	162	0	686	1767	160.64
Lorenza Rivers, Tennessee Tech	SR	11	975	106	0	130	1761	160.09
Chris Jackson, Boise St.	SR	11	1273	358	0	3	1524	152.40
Harvey Reed, Howard	SR	11	1512	9	0	437	1616	146.91
Ronald Darby, Marshall	SR	11	1020	159	0	507	1505	136.82
Bulch Caston, Idaho St.	SO	11	399	599	0	623	1354	135.40
Jeff Steele, Northeast La.	SO	10	196	397	138	623	1464	133.09
Davis Smith, Texas Southern	JR	11	59	651	109	645	1297	129.70
Ron Sency, Villanova	SR	11	542	355	0	400	1297	129.70
Randy Pettus, Boston U.	SR	11	980	178	0	327	1385	125.91
Jim Fox, Maine	JR	11	833	224	0	325	1382	125.64
Charvez Fager, Nevada-Reno	SR	11	1132	247	0	0	1379	125.36
Terrance Hoover, Delaware St.	SR	10	1191	58	0	0	1249	124.90
Judd Garrett, Princeton	SO	10	822	400	0	14	1236	123.60
Lewis Tillman, Jackson St.	JR	11	1357	0	0	0	1357	123.36
Mike Stewart, Yale	SR	10	954	248	0	27	1229	122.90
Joe Arnold, Western Kentucky	JR	10	889	103	0	235	1227	122.70
Reginald Burgess, Morgan St.	SR	10	0	821	104	291	1216	121.60

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Marshall

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	cl	no	avg
Eric Stein, Eastern Wash.	SR	74	43.15
Mike Krause, Western Ill.	SO	66	42.45
John Druett, James Madison	SR	50	42.06
Brian Wilcox, Nicholls St.	SO	75	41.15
John Pleas, Idaho	JR	42	41.12
Brian Beal, North Texas St.	JR	67	40.72
Steve Sampson, Arkansas St.	SR	52	40.63
Bart Bradley, Sam Houston St.	SO	53	40.38
Steve Tillotson, Eastern Ill.	SR	64	40.27
Tracy Graham, Tennessee Tech.	FR	65	40.15
Corey Potter, Indiana St.	SR	48	40.06
Mark Page, Montana St.	FR	43	39.86
Chuck Daniel, Middle Tenn. St.	SR	52	39.77
Anthony Bare, Western Carolina	SO	55	39.69

PUNT RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
Craig Hodge, Tennessee St.	JR	19	398	1	20.95
Tim Egerton, Delaware St.	JR	24	346	2	14.42
John McCue, Western Ill.	SR	15	178	0	11.87
Tom Joy, New Hampshire	SR	15	161	0	10.73
Brian Jordan, Richmond	SO	23	245	0	10.65
B. Anderson, S. Houston St.	JR	27	278	1	10.30
W. Anderson, No. Iowa	JR	23	234	0	10.17
Billy Rouse, S.C. St.	JR	15	151	0	10.07
J. Edwards, Beth.-Cookman	SR	24	240	0	10.00
G. Lockbaum, Holy Cross	SR	21	209	0	9.95
S. Sandler, Pennsylvania	JR	19	181	1	9.53
Maurice Smith, Western Ill.	JR	19	180	0	9.47
J. Isom, Tennessee Tech.	JR	20	189	0	9.45
D. Copeland, Eastern Ky.	SR	24	222	1	9.25

KICKOFF RETURNS

(Min. 1.2 per game)	cl	no	yds	td	avg
H. Huckaby, Florida A&M	SO	20	602	2	30.10
Renard Coleman, Montana	JR	20	588	0	29.40
Daryl Holcombe, Eastern Ill.	SO	23	664	0	28.87
George Boothe, Connecticut	SO	21	599	0	28.52
John Javis, Howard	SO	12	340	0	28.33
Kenny Gamble, Colgate	SR	17	471	1	27.71
Frank Sello, Idaho St.	SR	26	716	2	27.54
Gary Cannon, Indiana St.	SR	19	516	0	27.16
M. Haynes, Northern Ariz.	SR	22	592	0	26.91
D. Copeland, Eastern Ky.	SR	21	564	0	26.86
R. Washington, Boise St.	FR	20	531	0	26.55
Mark Rinehart, Montana St.	FR	20	525	1	26.25
Dan Scocca, Bucknell	FR	21	547	1	26.05
V. Henry, Sam Houston St.	JR	18	467	1	25.94

INTERCEPTIONS

	cl	g	no	yds	td	lpg
Dean Cain, Princeton	SR	10	12	98	0	1.20
Chris Demarest, Northeastern	SR	11	9	75	0	.82
Alvin Williams, Texas Southern	SO	11	9	55	0	.82
Dave Murphy, Holy Cross	JR	11	8	79	0	.73
J. D. Cauthen, Citadel	SR	11	8	68	0	.73
Dwayne Harper, South Carolina St.	SR	11	8	51	0	.73
Mark Snyder, Marshall	SR	11	8	44	0	.73
Reggie Solomon, Tenn.-Chatt.	SR	10	7	0	0	.70
James Edwards, Western Ky.	SR	10	7	23	0	.67
Michael Andrews, Alcorn St.	JR	9	6	23	1	.64
Billy Anderson, Sam Houston St.	JR	11	7	163	1	.64
Rick Harris, East Tenn. St.	JR	11	7	103	2	.64
Aaron Williams, Miss. Valley St.	SR	11	7	57	0	.64
Sheldon Spicer, Colgate	SR	11	7	44	0	.64
Tom Estep, Holy Cross	SR	11	7	93	0	.60
Scott Sims, Dartmouth	JR	10	6	93	0	.60

SCORING

	cl	g	ld	xp	fg	pts	plpg
Sean Sanders, Weber St.	SR	10	21	0	0	126	12.60
Harvey Reed, Howard	SR	10	20	2	0	122	12.20
Gordie Lockbaum, Holy Cross	SR	11	22	0	0	132	12.00
Luther Turner, Sam Houston St.	JR	9	16	0	0	96	10.67
Dave Meggett, Towson St.	SR	11	17	0	0	102	9.27
Chris Jackson, Boise St.	SO	10	0	33	19	90	9.00
Mickey Penallor, Northern Arizona	SR	11	16	0	0	96	8.73
Carl Boyd, Northern Iowa	SR	11	0	34	20	94	8.55
Teddy Garcia, Northeast La.	SR	11	0	41	16	89	8.09
P.K. Wiggins, Boise St.	SR	11	0	30	19	87	7.91
Paul Hickert, Murray St.	JR	11	0	50	12	86	7.82
Billy Hayes, Sam Houston St.	JR	11	14	2	0	86	7.82
Charvez Foger, Nevada-Reno	SR	10	13	0	0	78	7.80
Stoney Polite, North Carolina A&T	SR	10	13	0	0	82	7.45
Brian Decicio, Idaho	JR	11	0	37	15	82	7.45
Marty Zendejas, Nevada-Reno	JR	11	0	31	17	82	7.27
Erwin Matthews, Richmond	SO	11	13	2	0	80	7.27
Marty Zendejas, Nevada-Reno	SO	10	12	0	0	72	7.20
Elroy Harris, Eastern Kentucky	SO	10	12	0	0	72	7.20
Judd Garrett, Princeton	SR	10	12	0	0	72	7.20
Terrance Hoover, Delaware St.	SR	11	0	22	19	79	7.18
Kirk Roach, Western Carolina	SO	11	0	46	11	79	7.18
Greg Patterson, Weber St.	SR	10	0	38	11	71	7.10
Dave Parkinson, Delaware St.	JR	10	0	38	11	71	7.10

RUSHING

	cl	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Harvey Reed, Howard	SR	10	211	1512	7.2	20	151.20
Kenny Gamble, Colgate	JR	11	266	1411	4.9	11	128.27
Lewis Tillman, Jackson St.	JR	11	276	1357	4.9	9	123.36
Terrance Hoover, Delaware St.	SR	10	205	1191	5.8	12	119.10
Chris Jackson, Boise St.	SO	10	192	1273	6.3	16	115.73
Eroy Harris, Eastern Kentucky	SO	10	192	1152	6.0	12	115.20
Ron Westmoreland, Illinois St.	JR	9	197	1025	5.2	3	113.89
Erwin Matthews, Richmond	JR	11	253	1234	4.9	11	112.18
Brad Baxter, Alabama St.	JR	11	266	1206	4.5	9	109.64
James Crawford, Eastern Kentucky	SR	10	210	1070	5.1	4	107.00
Charvez Foger, Nevada-Reno	JR	11	209	1132	5.4	12	102.91
Joe Ross, Georgia Southern	FR	10	165	1018	6.2	4	101.80
Luther Turner, Sam Houston St.	SR	11	225	1085	4.8	20	98.64
Mike Stewart, Yale	SR	10	210	954	4.5	9	95.40
Kirk Copeland, Montana St.	SR	11	176	1038	5.9	6	94.36
Fine Unga, Weber St.	SO	11	173	1032	6.0	6	93.82
Ronald Darby, Marshall	JR	9	189	1020	4.7	12	92.73
Dave Meggett, Towson St.	JR	10	190	893	4.7	3	90.44
Kirk Little, Brown	SR	11	191	980	5.1	11	89.30
Gerald Anderson, Middle Tenn. St.	SR	11	191	980	4.2	7	89.09
Randy Pettus, Boston U.	JR	10	232	889	5.2	8	88.90
Joe Arnold, Western Kentucky	JR	10	172	889	5.2	8	88.90
Lorenza Rivers, Tennessee Tech	SR	11	123	975	7.9	8	88.64

RECEIVING

	cl	g	no	yds	td	pg
Mike Barber, Marshall	JR	11	78	1237	7	7.09
Gordie Lockbaum, Holy Cross	SR	11	78	1152	9	7.09
Curtis Olds, New Hampshire	JR	9	61	807	5	6.78
Sean Doctor, Marshall	SR	11	70	1004	6	6.36
Sergio Hebra, Maine	SR	11	70	927	5	6.36
Eric Andrade, Boise St.	SR	11	66	790	8	6.00
David Dunn, Connecticut	SR	11	65	819	8	5.91
Wally Dembowski, Holy Cross	SR	11	64	1099	12	5.82
Tony Logan, Nevada-Reno	SR	11	62	1022	9	5.64
Shawn Beals, Idaho St.	JR	10	56	518	2	5.60
Sam Brickley, Cornell	JR	11	61	653	9	5.55
Shawn Collins, Northern Arizona	JR	10	54	919	4	5.40
Wade Orton, Weber St.	SR	9	48	649	4	5.33
Jim Johnson, Lafayette	JR	9	48	572	5	5.33
Dave Meggett, Towson St.	JR	10	53	763	10	5.30
Chris Braune, New Hampshire	SR	10	52	538	4	5.20
Neosia Morris, Idaho	SR	11	55	765	4	5.00
Alfred Dorsey, Nicholls St.	JR	11	55	651	7	5.00
Davis Smith, Texas Southern	SO	11	54	1067	11	4.91
James Anderson, Delaware	SR	10	49	749	4	4.90
Eric Tennessee, SW Texas St.	SR	10	49	537	2	4.90
Brian Barringer, Harvard	SO	11	53	1044	12	4.82
Jamie Buentzi, Eastern Wash.	SO	11	53	1044	12	4.82

FIELD GOALS

	cl	g	lga	fg	ptl	lpgp
Mickey Penallor, Northern Ariz.	SO	10	27	19	704	1.82
Teddy Garcia, Northeast La.	SR	11	28	20	714	1.82
Paul Hickert, Murray St.	SR	11	25	19	633	1.73
Kirk Roach, Western Carolina	SR	11	21	17	810	1.55
Marty Zendejas, Nevada-Reno	SR	11	22	17	773	1.55
Bjorn Nitlmo, Appalachian St.	SR	11	22	17	773	1.55
Tim Foley, Ga. Southern	SR	11	26	16	615	1.45
P.K. Wiggins, Boise St.	SO	10	20	14	700	1.40
James Campbell, Eastern Ky.	JR	11	22	15	682	1.36
Brian Decicio, Idaho	SR	11	26	15	577	1.36
Rich Ehme, Eastern Illinois	SO	11	17	14	824	1.27
Mike Shoun, East Tenn. St.	JR	11	20	14	700	1.27
Keith Chapman, North Texas St.	SR	11	20	14	700	1.27
John Dowling, Youngstown St.	JR	11	22	14	636	1.27
Matt Maloney, Idaho St.	SO	11	22	14	636	1.27
Tom McMillan, Austin Peay	SO	11	22	14	636	1.27

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FINAL DIVISION I-AA TEAM LEADERS

SCORING OFFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Holy Cross	11	511	46.5
Howard	11	407	37.0
Weber St.	11	392	35.6
Sam Houston St.	11	385	35.0
Northern Arizona	11	345	34.5
Delaware St.	11	361	32.8
Boise St.	11	342	31.1
Northern Iowa	11	340	30.9
Marshall	10	307	30.7
Villanova	11	334	30.4
Northeast La.	11	332	30.2
Arkansas St.	11	328	29.8
Idaho	11	324	29.5
Maine	11	323	29.4
Montana	11	314	28.5
Nevada-Reno	11	314	28.5
Furman	11	301	27.4
Idaho St.	11	300	27.3
Delaware	11	291	26.5
Connecticut	11	291	26.5

SCORING DEFENSE

	g	pts	avg
Holy Cross	11	110	10.0
Appalachian St.	11	126	11.5
Jackson St.	11	139	12.6
Eastern Kentucky	10	130	13.0
SW Missouri St.	11	145	13.2
Southern-B.R.	11	155	14.1
James Madison	11	156	14.2
Alabama St.	11	158	14.4
Florida A&M	11	160	14.5
Middle Tenn. St.	11	160	14.5

RUSHING OFFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Howard	10	578	3816	6.6	45	381.6
Arkansas St.	11	671	3286	4.9	37	298.7
Eastern Ky.	10	585	2911	5.0	24	291.1
James Madison	11	575	2878	5.0	26	261.6
Ga. Southern	11	609	2873	4.7	23	261.2
Delaware St.	11	539	2578	4.8	33	257.8
Northeastern	11	660	2750	4.2	24	250.0
Citadel	11	640	2742	4.3	22	249.3
Furman	11	551	2715	4.9	31	243.9
Sam Houston St.	11	565	2683	4.7	31	242.3
Pennsylvania	10	511	2243	4.4	24	224.3
SW Missouri St.	11	599	2323	3.9	18	211.2
Illinois St.	10	523	2101	4.0	12	210.1
Middle Tenn. St.	11	531	2276	4.3	18	206.9
Tennessee Tech	11	498	2236	4.5	23	203.3
Alabama St.	11	598	2219	3.7	18	201.7
Southern Ill.	11	523	2196	4.2	15	199.6
East Tenn. St.	11	503	2194	4.4	13	199.5
Richmond	11	554	2180	3.9	19	198.2
Holy Cross	11	443	2132	4.8	36	193.8

RUSHING DEFENSE

	g	car	yds	avg	td	yds pg
Southern-B.R.	11	388	710	1.8	5	64.5
Jackson St.	11	428	875	2.0	8	79.5
Holy Cross	11	394	915	2.3	7	83.2
Harvard	10	397	880	2.2	8	88.0
Eastern Ky.	10	340	998	2.9	5	99.8
Northeastern	11	440	1132	2.6	10	102.9
Montana	11	439	1221	2.8	13	111.0
Sam Houston St.	11	391	1230	3.1	17	111.8
Colgate	11	439	1231	2.8	13	111.9
Ga. Southern	11	405	1235	3.0	9	112.3
Florida A&M	11	463	1301	2.8	11	118.3
Weber St.	11	423	1310	3.1	15	119.1
Alabama St.	11	381	1311	3.4	11	119.2
Delaware St.	10	376	1204	3.2	9	120.4
S.F. Austin St.	11	456	1341	2.9	9	121.9
Grambling	11	451	1359	3.0	12	123.5
Illinois St.	10	369	1258	3.4	10	125.8
Northern Arizona	11	393	1388	3.5	15	126.2
Cornell	10	439	1264	2.9	14	126.4
Howard	10	405	1274	3.1	11	127.4

TOTAL OFFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
Holy Cross	11	882	6074	6.9	72	552.18
Howard	10	704	4941	7.0	57	494.10
Marshall	11	862	4987	5.8	43	453.36
Boise St.	11	814	4955	6.1	44	450.45
Weber St.	11	872	4922	5.6	49	447.45
Sam Houston St.	11	824	4904	6.0	48	445.82
Northern Arizona	11	859	4779	5.6	46	434.45
Idaho	11	843	4754	5.6	40	432.18
Northeast La.	11	847	4564	5.4	39	414.91
Northern Iowa	11	826	4498	5.4	43	408.91
Nevada-Reno	11	810	4465	5.5	37	405.91
Connecticut	11	827	4431	5.4	39	402.82
Maine	11	787	4363	5.5	41	396.64
Furman	11	776	4361	5.6	40	396.45
Villanova	10	717	3930	5.5	42	393.00
New Hampshire	10	745	3891	5.2	32	389.10
Idaho St.	11	778	4274	5.5	30	388.55
Murray St.	11	765	4241	5.5	30	385.55
Massachusetts	11	881	4227	4.8	33	384.27
Colgate	11	824	4215	5.1	29	383.18

TOTAL DEFENSE

	g	plays	yds	avg	td*	yds pg
Southern-B.R.	11	679	2231	3.3	15	202.8
Jackson St.	11	690	2302	3.3	5	209.3
Grambling	11	715	2669	3.7	21	242.6
Alcorn St.	9	645	2192	3.4	19	243.6
South Carolina St.	11	653	2759	4.2	25	250.8
Holy Cross	11	759	2781	3.7	13	252.8
Florida A&M	11	722	2817	3.9	16	256.1
Alabama St.	11	671	2965	4.4	21	269.5
Eastern Ky.	10	596	2702	4.5	15	270.2
Western Ky.	10	670	2722	4.1	21	272.2
Tenn.-Chatt.	11	719	2999	4.2	20	272.6
Delaware St.	10	654	2755	4.2	18	275.5
Ga. Southern	11	729	3095	4.2	16	281.4
Pennsylvania	10	681	2888	4.2	25	288.8
Harvard	10	712	2898	4.1	18	289.8
SW Missouri St.	11	758	3193	4.2	17	290.3
James Madison	11	758	3209	4.2	19	291.7
Arkansas St.	11	701	3279	4.7	22	298.1
New Hampshire	10	708	2981	4.2	20	298.1
Princeton	10	693	2996	4.3	18	299.6

* Touchdowns scored by rushing or passing only

KICKOFF RETURNS

	g	no	yds	ld	avg
Eastern Kentucky	10	24	603	0	25.1
Montana	11	40	962	0	24.0
Appalachian St.	11	28	671	0	24.0
Florida A&M	11	39	925	2	23.7
Colgate	11	42	984	1	23.4
Eastern Illinois	11	43	964	1	22.4
Northwestern La.	11	34	751	0	22.1
Sam Houston St.	11	39	860	1	22.1
McNeese St.	11	53	1,154	0	21.8

PUNT RETURNS

	g	no	yds	ld	avg
Tennessee St.	11	24	410	1	17.1
Delaware St.	10	31	383	3	12.4
Howard	10	18	208	0	11.6
Prairie View	11	21	218	1	10.4
Alabama St.	11	20	204	0	10.2
Bethune-Cookman	11	25	252	0	10.1
Maine	11	27	269	0	10.0
Sam Houston St.	11	28	278	1	9.9
Northern Iowa	11	26	256	0	9.8
Western Illinois	11	41	401	0	9.8

TURNOVER MARGIN

TURNOVER MARGIN			turnovers gained			turnovers lost			margin
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Delaware St.	10	31	41	8	9	17	2.40		
Arkansas St.	24	18	42	10	6	16	2.36		
Tenn.-Chatt.	20	23	43	10	15	25	1.64		
Brown	10	19	29	7	8	15	1.40		
Appalachian St.	11	17	28	5	8	13	1.36		
Weber St.	15	17	32	8	11	19	1.18		
Tex. Southern	7	29	36	10	13	23	1.18		
Jackson St.	22	17	39	15	11	26	1.18		

PASSING OFFENSE

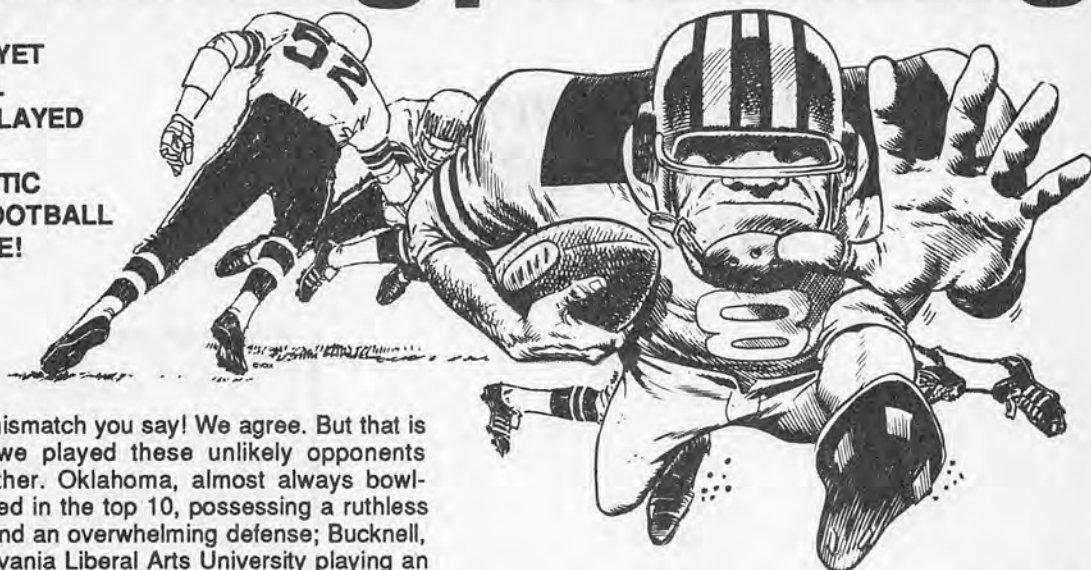
	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	yds pg
Holy Cross	11	439	284	19	64.7	3942	9.0	36	358.4
Marshall	11	493	265	25	53.8	3777	7.7	23	343.4
Idaho	11	508	315	14	62.0	3710	7.3	28	337.3
Idaho St.	11	442	232	22	52.5	3224	7.3	25	293.1
Northeast La.	11	431	223	19	51.7	3153	7.3	22	286.6
Weber St.	11	380	207	11	54.5	3122	8.2	19	277.6
Northern Arizona	11	417	270	10	64.7	3054	7.1	22	265.1
Maine	11	412	228	19	55.3	2916	7.7	21	257.5
Boise St.	11	368	201	11	54.6	2833	6.6	21	257.3
Lamar	11	428	231	21	54.0	2830	6.6	18	255.0
Lafayette	11	442	236	20	53.6	2805	7.6	17	248.3
Northern Iowa	11	357	207	13	58.0	2731	7.8	24	248.1
Montana	11	350	212	17	60.6	2729	6.0	24	244.6
Montana	11	452	254	16	56.2	2691	6.8	12	244.4
Townsend St.	10	360	197	10	54.7	2444	7.1	24	243.6
Towson St.	10	343	204	18	59.5	2436	6.9	17	239.6
Villanova	10	347	182	16	52.4	2396	7.4	10	231.2
New Hampshire	11	343	176	23	51.3	2543	6.6	19	227.1
Colgate	11	379	192	20	50.7	2498	6.6	19	227.1
Nicholls St.	11	379	192	20	50.7	2498	6.6	19	227.1

PASSING DEFENSE

PASSING DEFENSE									
	g	att	cmp	int	pct	yds	yds/att	td	yds pg
Alcorn St.	9	223	75	13	33.6	912	4.1	9	101.3
South Carolina St.	11	223	87	17	39.0	1182	5.3	10	107.5
Grambling	11	264	93	27	35.2	1310	5.0	9	119.1
VMI	11	221	113	18	51.1	1412	6.4	8	128.4
Jackson St.	11	262	101	17	38.5	1427	5.4	7	129.7
Northwestern La.	11	237	117	8	49.4	1470	6.2	11	133.6
Boston U.	11	250	112	13	44.8	1479	5.9	12	134.5
Middle Tenn. St.	11	286	128	17	44.8	1508	5.3	6	137.1
Tenn.-Chatt.	11	270	124	23	45.9	1515	5.6	7	137.7
Florida A&M	11	259	116	10	44.8	1516	5.9	5	137.8
Southern-B.R.	11	291	101	14	34.7	1521	5.2	10	141.1
Tennessee St.	11	252	102	10	40.5	1522	6.0	9	145.4
Western Ky.	10	238	120	9	50.4	1411	5.9	10	141.1
SW Missouri St.	11	280	154	14	55.0	1599	6.4	12	146.0
Bethune-Cookman	11	251	105	13	41.4	1474	5.9	8	147.4
Pennsylvania	10	249	123	10	49.4	1474	4.9	10	147.4
New Hampshire	10	302	139	18	50.0	1629	5.8	12	148.1
Mississippi Val. St.	11	282	141	17	50.0	1643	6.3	11	149.1
Prairie View	11	261	113	23	43.3	1643	5.8	11	149.1
Marshall	11	281	124	20	44.1	1643			

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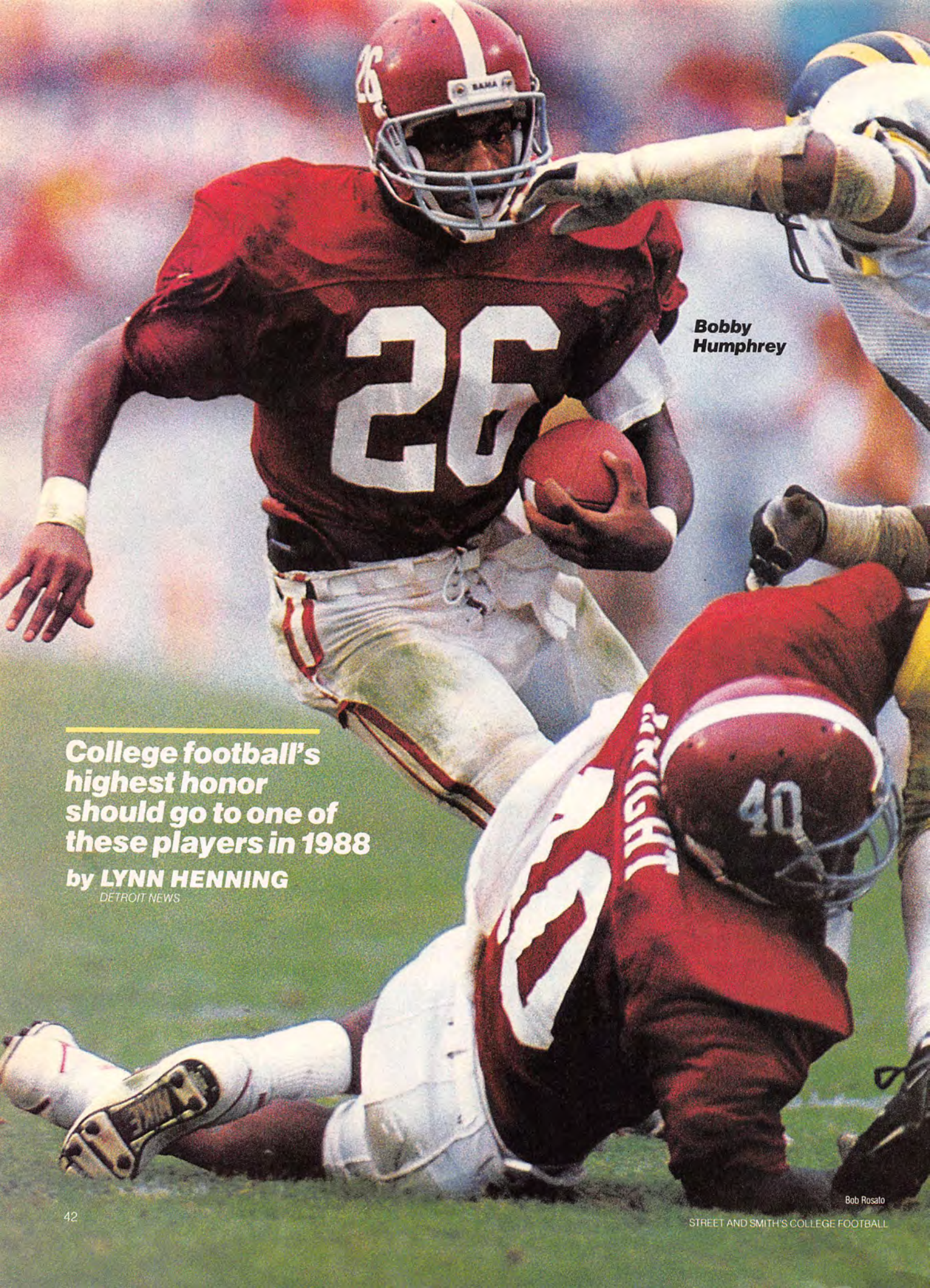
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Heisman Trophy Candidates

● Since Hollywood has made such an extravagant production out of the Academy Awards, and since the Miss America Pageant has for decades been a national fixture, it's really no mystery why college football fans look so longingly each December to the Heisman Trophy presentation. It's an American institution's own version of the Oscar... of the Miss America Pageant... of the senior prom, for goodness sakes. It's competitive, it's glamorous, and it's fun. Those elements generally add up to an automatic hit.

It is also a frequently maligned, often political, and inexact measure of a college football player's precise impact on a sport. The Heisman Trophy can pretend in only superficial ways to honor the game's best player. But that's enough to make the balloting dramatic and even worthwhile. For every clinker the balloters have sold themselves on during 53 years of voting, there have been many more O.J. Simpsons, Tony Dorsetts, Marcus Allens, and Herschel Walkers. So many legitimate stars—who later pursued successful careers in the NFL—have appeared at the Downtown Athletic Club to accept their Heismans, that one can argue the best college football player in the land may have been selected more than any critic cares to acknowledge.

So we come to 1988. A vintage year, from all appearances, for Heisman-caliber talent. There are a handful of excellent quarterbacks, a crop of great runners to carry on the backfield tradition that's at the heart of Heisman candidacy, and even some magnificent defensive players who just might receive enough votes to crack the top 10. Not that it's apt to change Heisman history. Runners have the edge annually and could set the tone in 1988. A possible showdown: Alabama's Bobby Humphrey vs. Eric Metcalf of Texas.

Bobby Humphrey, Alabama

Humphrey (6-1, 201) already has the momentum generated from last year's 10th-place finish in the Heisman sweepstakes. It's an important edge in name recognition. He has 4,760 all-purpose yards and should, by the end of the season, pass Bo Jackson and record-holder Herschel Walker for the No. 1 spot on the all-time Southeastern Conference list.

Humphrey is a strong, slashing runner who plays for a big-name school that will get its share of television time during the 1988 season—an important plus when analyzing the Heisman race. He rushed for 1,255 yards a year ago, has 59 career receptions, runs back kickoffs, and during the past two seasons has scored 30 touchdowns. His only serious drawback would be the left foot he broke during spring drills. Doctors, though, said the break would be completely healed by August and expected Humphrey to bounce into training camp in peak shape. That's good for Alabama. And great for Heisman followers.

Eric Metcalf, Texas

Metcalf, also a senior, has the same high-profile benefits in playing for the University of Tex-

as. He might have offset Humphrey's Heisman identity because of benefits from his own surname: His father, Terry, was an NFL great during the 1970s.

Like Humphrey, Metcalf is an all-purpose marvel who carries the ball and works as a receiver and return man. He ranked third in the nation in '87 in all-purpose yardage with 175 per game, rushed for 1,161 yards (a 5.3 average, identical to Humphrey's), scored 10 TDs, caught 33 passes, and was sixth nationally in punt returns. Small wonder that when he's not on the gridiron, he's on the Longhorns' track team. Metcalf runs a 4.4 40 and in 1986 was NCAA long-jump champion.

A Humphrey-Metcalf race would be exciting. But it's the quantity of talent elsewhere that should make the 1988 Heisman contest noteworthy. Among the candidates:



John Williamson

Eric Metcalf

Troy Aikman, UCLA

Whether he wins the Heisman Trophy will, in the end, be a secondary matter to Troy Aikman. It's more important how he finishes in the evaluation of pro scouts, many of whom think UCLA's quarterback could be the first passer—and possibly the first player—taken in the 1989 NFL draft. It isn't often that a thrower of his size (6-3½, 217) and skill emerges from a college program as strong as UCLA's. In 12 games a year ago, Aikman rolled up stunning stats: 178 completions in 273 attempts (65.2 percent), 17 touchdowns and eight interceptions after being picked off only three times in UCLA's first 10½ games.

Aikman is a one-time Oklahoma Sooner who transferred from Barry Switzer's program after breaking a leg his sophomore season. His stand-in that day: Jamelle Holieway, who

this season could be one of Aikman's primary Heisman challengers. A friendly relocation to Los Angeles was arranged after Aikman and the wishbone-loving Switzer decided a passing quarterback needed a better outlet.

Great arm. Magnificent physique. Super pedigree. Heismans have been won in the past with fewer credentials.

Todd Ellis, South Carolina

In this day and age of relentless hype, it's refreshing to note the University of South Carolina publicists will not outspend 1988's presidential candidates in promoting Todd Ellis for the Heisman. They'll allow intelligent fans to draw their own conclusions about an exceptional quarterback.

Ellis (6-3, 203) is a junior out of Greensboro, N.C. who already is South Carolina's career leader in passing yardage: 6,226 yards. Bear in mind that the NCAA's all-time leader—Todd Santos, who set the Division I-A record last year at San Diego State—rolled up 11,425 yards during his career. Simple math tells you Todd Ellis could climb into the top spot sometime next year, when his Heisman standing figures to be even higher.

Ellis is a prototype drop-back artist who already has played in 23 games for the Gamecocks. Eight times he has thrown for more than 300 yards, including a school-record 425 against East Carolina. In only four games has he failed to best 200 yards. Joe Morrison, the South Carolina coach, plans on revamping his Run-and-Shoot offense in 1988 to better accommodate Ellis's NFL-style arm. It figures to benefit the Gamecocks' offense just as it should enhance Ellis's Heisman identity.

Chuck Hartlieb, Iowa

Any coach who has accomplished what Hayden Fry has managed at Iowa since arriving in 1979 is entitled to one mistake. It took him five games to figure out that Chuck Hartlieb should be his starting quarterback—although, in fairness to Fry, Hartlieb took his time proving he was Iowa's top gun.

When the 1987 season ended, the 6-3, 205-pound Hartlieb had fought off former No. 1 quarterback Dan McGwire and backup Tom Poholsky, and in the process had accumulated some staggering statistics for a latecomer: 217 completions out of 334 attempts (65 percent) for 3,092 yards and 19 touchdowns, seven of them coming in a record-setting, 471-yard day at Northwestern. What followed was selection as first-team all-Big Ten, honorable mention All-America, and spots on a pair of all-Academic teams, the kind of touch that pleases folks in Iowa City, who began comparing Hartlieb to former All-America—and Heisman Trophy runner-up—Chuck Long. In five different games, Hartlieb threw for more

John Williamson

than 300 yards as he finished his junior year No. 3 in NCAA passing efficiency, behind Don McPherson and Troy Aikman.

Tom Hodson, LSU

Never mind the statistics. They're typical Heisman-caliber numbers. And they'll likely get better in Hodson's junior year. What you need to know about Tommy Hodson is he's tougher than a boot-camp graduate at Parris Island.

Consider: It's the autumn of 1986, Hodson's freshman year at LSU. He is starting at quarterback and the Tigers are playing at Kentucky when a Wildcat defender plows like a cruise missile into Hodson's chin. Hodson nearly bites his tongue in two. Never fear. He returns to the locker room for stitches and—presumably—a painkiller, then trots back onto the field to wrap up a 16-for-24, 255-yard passing effort. There was also last season's heroism against Georgia, when Hodson was knocked unconscious after a late hit, but returned to the huddle after the cobwebs cleared to finish off LSU's closing-minute drive that gave the Tigers a victory.

He will contend for a Heisman, however, not because of his courageous outings but because he already has 4,386 career passing yards going into his junior year. That's good for third-place, behind Jeff Wickersham and Archie Manning, on LSU's all-time list. He need only stay on pace this season to become No. 1 before he throws a pass as a senior.

For a player of such celebrity, Hodson does not dazzle. He is not particularly fast, nor does he have a Winchester for an arm. He is a 6-3, 195-pounder who throws for enormous yardage because of a knack for dropping the ball on a receiver's finger tips. As for his speed, don't think just because Hodson's not Fran Tarkenton that he's a pass-rusher's delight. Hodson is a native of Louisiana's bayou country. By the time you've developed an awareness of alligators and water moccasins, a backside pass-rush is nothing.

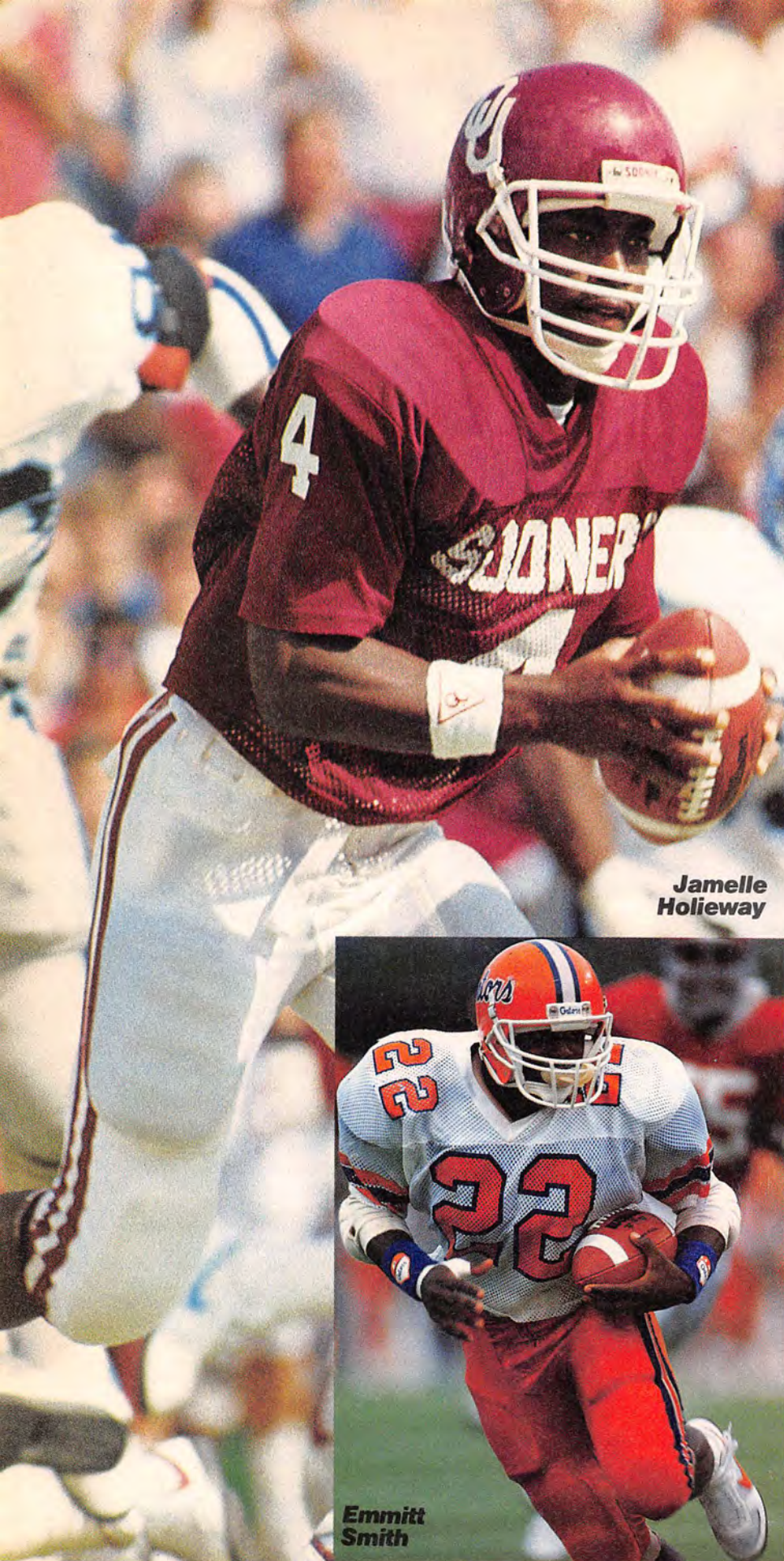
Jamelle Holieway, Oklahoma

He's been unstoppable for so long that everyone in Norman, Oklahoma figures it will take more than a surgically repaired knee to beat Jamelle Holieway. Then again, medical comebacks are not always guaranteed. Holieway's advantage is that the world sports few 5-9, 180-pound quarterbacks who have so many muscles. He is, per square inch, one of America's strongest football players as well as the owner of an uncanny won-loss record: 27-1 in games he has started, the only loss coming against Miami in 1986. Holieway was en route to another magnificent finish a year ago until the ninth game of the season, when he tore ligaments against Oklahoma State.

His strength—he is notorious for breaking tackles—and his sense in knowing precisely when to pitch or to keep in Oklahoma's wishbone, are two assets to his amazing career statistics: 442 carries for 2,532 yards and 27 touchdowns, and 75 completions of 103 passes for 1,606 yards and 16 TDs. They were the kind of numbers that so often set up a Heisman Trophy season for a player of Holieway's celebrity. If his knee cooperates, the candidacy lives.

Rodney Peete, Southern Cal

It's third-and-long and the linebacker calling defensive signals knows what's coming.



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Peete simply is so versatile—and a respectable passer—that he could join his crosstown rival, Troy Aikman, as a 1989 NFL first-round draft choice. If, that is, the hard-hitting infielder decides to play pro football rather than try it in the major leagues. Options are so many to a man so talented. This year, the opportunities may also include a December trip to New York City—where finalists meet the night the Heisman is presented.

Emmitt Smith, Florida

Ordinarily, a sophomore's chances at a Heisman are laughable. In between snickers, Heisman voters might want to peek at Emmitt Smith's 1987 statistics. Smith, the dazzling

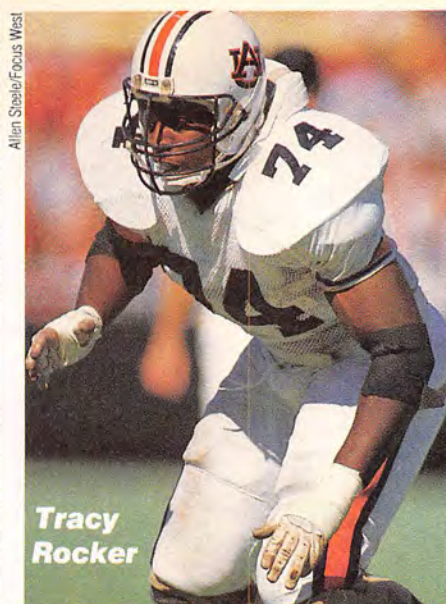
Florida tailback, rushed for 1,431 yards a year ago to become only the third running back in NCAA history (after Herschel Walker and Tony Dorsett) to top the 1,300-yard mark as a freshman. It should also be noted that Walker as a sophomore had his greatest season at Georgia, a 1,890-yard effort that did everything but win him a Heisman. It went to Southern Cal's Marcus Allen that year.

Tough odds there, except Smith is the top returning vote-getter from 1987's Heisman sweepstakes, when he finished ninth. He also figures to be on network television a minimum of eight times during the '88 regular season.

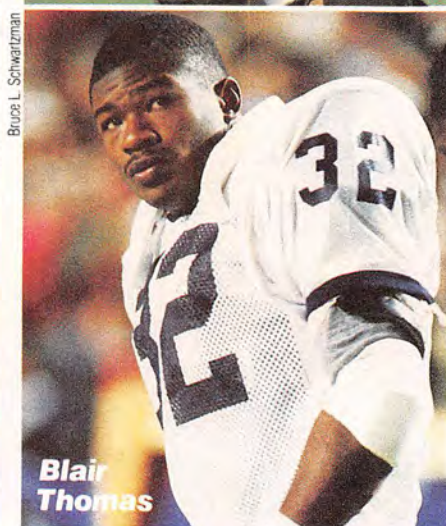
Sammie Smith, Florida State

You start with his size: 6-2, 220 pounds. You shift focus to his speed: 4.3 in the 40, 10.32 in the 100-meters. Then you consider his average yards-per-carry in 1987: 7.1.

Your question: Why doesn't Bobby Bowden, the Florida State head coach, turn Sammie Smith into the kind of workhorse you ride to a national championship? It's because Florida State has so many great football players, Smith is merely one of the gang. Some would go so far as to say the Seminoles' best Heisman candidate is defensive back Deion Sanders, thought by many at Tallahassee to be the greatest football player in FSU history. The Florida State talent pool is crowded to the point Smith must share carries with another



Tracy Rocker



Blair Thomas



Sammie Smith

dazzler, Dexter Carter. It matters not that Smith, as a sophomore in 1987, stacked up 1,230 yards on only 172 carries. Or that in 1986 he carried a scant 103 times for 611 yards. He's playing for Florida State, where there are more than a few good men.

Steve Taylor, Nebraska

It's rather important, in a year when Heisman-worthy quarterbacks are as varied and attractive as new cars, that an athlete of Steve Taylor's style and skill complements all those mighty arms across the land. Taylor is a runner more than a passer. He runs a 4.54 in the 40 and last season he rushed for 659 yards, which is the kind of yardage many tailbacks would accept. It's not that Taylor can't pass. UCLA got a five-TD-pass glimpse at Taylor's arm last season in a 42-33 shootout. Missouri was ripped four times by Taylor touchdown passes. But it was running the football where Taylor, a 6-0, 205 pound jewel out of Fresno, California, destroyed so many Nebraska opponents. His 122 yards and two TDs in a 35-28 victory at Arizona State were an early lesson in how the Cornhusker offense could chew a team to bits. His passing numbers remain on the subdued side: He has never thrown for 1,000 yards, while his completions hum along at a 46-percent clip. But if all-round

quarterback skills, heavy on running, are big with the Heisman balloters, Nebraska should have a serious contender.

Blair Thomas, Penn State

Joe Paterno's best Heisman candidate since John Cappelletti was seeping into the nation's college grid conscience when it happened, just before the Citrus Bowl. His knee gave out on a simple cut—the kind running backs like Thomas make all the time. He missed the Citrus Bowl and on January 11 underwent reconstructive surgery, reducing Blair Thomas's Heisman Trophy dreams for 1988 into a much less grandiose concern: Could he make it back for the '88 season?

Paterno and the Penn State medical corps at first viewed Thomas's chances as remote. By spring, they were 50-50 as doctors marveled at his progress. By autumn, it is hoped that a gifted tailback, who last season ran for 1,414 yards and piled up 1,772 in all-purpose yardage, will be back running, receiving, and returning kicks with his old flair. If not, the rehabilitation will continue as Thomas has yet to use a redshirt season.

Steve Walsh, Miami

Some things you expect from certain schools: Good tailbacks were always a staple at Southern Cal, and NFL teams for years stocked their rosters with linebackers from Penn State. Now it seems as if Miami is college football's new reservoir for premium quarterbacks. Steve Walsh does nothing to hurt the Jim Kelly-Bernie Kosar-Vinny Testaverde legacy. He is a talented quarterback on a talented team—a combination that can sew up a Heisman by Halloween. Walsh also happens to be a 6-3, 195-pounder from St. Paul, Minnesota, who as a sophomore last season helped the Hurricanes to a national championship. He threw 19 touchdown passes during the '87 season (only Testaverde and Kosar threw more in their first years at Miami) and with 12 games as a starter behind him, Walsh could make his Heisman run this year or in '89. A 'Canes quarterback has so many options.

It never has happened. It probably won't this year. Or next year. Or, possibly, ever. Defensive players don't win Heisman Trophies. They have to settle for the Lombardi Trophy, the less glamorous award given to a great athlete whose misfortune is to star on the line of scrimmage's opposite side.

Perhaps one of these years a defensive player will be so domineering, so Bunyanesque in stature, and blessed with a publicist so prolific that he'll overcome a half-century of voting tradition. It will take someone special. But the following three defensive stars—each an all-America last season—are exceptional talents who could shake up a ballot.

Tracy Rucker, Auburn

A 6-3, 258-pound senior defensive tackle, Tracy Rucker was the only junior among last year's finalists for the Lombardi Award, and Georgia Tech thought Rucker should have won. In a single game against the Yellow Jackets, Rucker has 20 tackles, three sacks, one tackle for a loss, and caused two fumbles. It was typical of the way he manhandled opposing teams.

"There's nothing Tracy can't do," says Auburn coach Pat Dye. "He has no limitations."

Deion Sanders, Florida State

A 6-0, 193-pound senior defensive back, Deion Sanders is so good he already is being called the greatest player in Florida State history. Consider some of the talent pumped out of Tallahassee in Bobby Bowden's coaching era and it puts Sanders's skills in grand perspective. Sanders has run a 10.26 in the 100-meter dash and is so explosive that the Seminoles use him as a punt returner. Receivers can't run past him. Running backs can't run over him. And a slew of NFL teams can't wait for a shot at drafting him.

Broderick Thomas, Nebraska

A 6-3, 235-pound senior linebacker/end, Broderick Thomas runs a 4.76 40-yard dash, which was a major reason why nine of his 73 tackles last season dropped opposing teams for losses. Thomas had 10 tackles against Oklahoma and for the second consecutive year was a unanimous all-Big Eight selection.

All of the Heisman field for '88—from Metcalf and Humphrey to the defensive players who once again may be consigned to a duel for the Lombardi—is truly distinguished. Thus, the wish as this year's voters await their ballots: May the best man win.

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Tim Brown

of Notre Dame won the 53rd annual Heisman Trophy in 1987. An explosive 6-foot, 195-pound senior flanker, Brown averaged over 14 yards every time he touched the ball last year and more than 167 yards per game. That despite defensive coverage that often had him double- or triple-teamed. He accounted for 1,843 all-purpose yards and 7 touchdowns and enjoyed his finest performance against Michigan State last September, when he returned consecutive punts 71 and 66 yards for scores. In his four years with the Fighting Irish, Brown had 137 receptions for almost 2,500 yards and accumulated over 5,000 yards and 22 TDs in total offense.

"It's scary to think of the number of ways Tim Brown can affect a game," said his coach, Lou Holtz. "He's a winner, he's a competitor, and he makes things happen."

Brown is the seventh player from Notre Dame to win the Heisman Trophy—the others are Angelo Bertelli (1943), John Lujack ('47), Leon Hart ('49), John Lattner ('53), Paul Hornung ('56), and John Huarte ('64)—and the holder of numerous school career, season, and game records. Everybody's All-America, he was also the recipient of the Walter Camp Trophy and was the first-round choice of the Los Angeles Raiders in the National Football League's spring draft.

Syracuse quarterback Don McPherson was the runner-up in the election. He led the nation in passing efficiency in 1987, completing 56 percent of his attempts for 2,341 yards and 22 TDs, and directed the Orange to an undefeated season and a berth in the Sugar Bowl.

HEISMAN TROPHY VOTING

player, school (first-place votes)	points
Tim Brown, Notre Dame (324)	1,442
Don McPherson, Syracuse (167)	831
Gordon Lockbaum, Holy Cross (108)	657
Lorenzo White, Michigan State (89)	632
Craig Heyward, Pittsburgh (17)	170
Chris Spielman, Ohio State (15)	110
Thurman Thomas, Oklahoma State (11)	99
Gaston Green, UCLA (4)	73
Emmitt Smith, Florida (2)	70
Bobby Humphrey, Alabama (5)	63



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Back . . . Louis Oliver . . . SR . . . Florida
Punter . . . Chris Mohr . . . SR . . . Alabama

● They called it the state championship game. In retrospect, however, it was as close to a national championship game as college football can get in early October. Miami came from behind last October 3 to defeat Florida State, 26-25, and win the mythical state title for the second straight year. Miami went on to a perfect 12-0 season, claiming the national title in a 20-14 Orange Bowl victory over Oklahoma on New Year's night.

Florida State rebounded from the Miami defeat and didn't lose another game, finishing with an 11-1 record after a 31-28 Fiesta Bowl victory against Nebraska. The Seminoles were one point from perfection, and that earned them a No. 2 ranking behind Miami in the Associated Press's final poll. The 1-2 Florida finish marked the first time in the 52-year history of the AP poll that teams from the same state finished as the top two teams.

"We felt for the last several years that the winner of the state championship had a good chance to win the national championship," FSU coach Bobby Bowden said. "This really shows that if you can win the state championship, or even finish as runner-up, you've got a chance to play for the national title."

With that in mind, Miami and Florida State will open the 1988 season with a nationally televised showdown from the Orange Bowl on September 3 (CBS, 9 PM). Florida State returns 14 starters and is the preseason favorite. The defending champion Hurricanes return 10 starters but figure to benefit from what coach Jimmy Johnson calls outstanding back-to-back recruiting classes. Recent history says the outcome of the Miami-FSU game will significantly affect the national title picture. Johnson's Hurricanes have defeated FSU three straight times and in each of those years they've played in New Year's bowls with the national championship at stake.

Miami and Florida State are easily the class of the Division I independents with Georgia Southern staking the same claim among the Deep South's I-AA independents.

When the 1980s began, it looked as though the Southeastern Conference had full ownership rights on the AP national championship trophy. Alabama had won the final two AP titles of the 1970s, and Georgia brought in the new decade by winning in 1980.

Then, something happened. The league found itself outside, not winning championships, or even playing for them after 1982. As teams from less challenging conferences, primarily the Big 8 and ACC, or powerful independents, began appearing in the national title games, Southeastern Conference teams

found their own league so demanding that national goals were harder and harder to attain. Without dominant personalities like Bear Bryant on the sidelines and Herschel Walker on the field, the Sugar Bowl, New Year's home of the SEC champs, found itself uninvolved in the national title chase.

Ironically, though the league hasn't produced a national championship contender since 1982 (the best team since that time was most likely the probation-ridden Florida squad of 1984), the top-to-bottom quality of the league may be better than it ever has been. Walker led Georgia to three straight titles early in the decade, but there hasn't been a repeat champion since, and only Auburn can show two titles in the past five years.

This year, the league's self-flagellation will only get worse, as the conference will implement a seven-game schedule, after years of playing only six conference games. For many schools, that means one fewer date with Marshmallow Tech and one more against LSU or Tennessee. The conference business managers like the idea, but record-conscious coaches have already started lobbying for a quick return to the six-game rotation. And this year, the seventh game and the extraordinary parity in the league, with no clear-cut favorite, could bring, for the first time, an SEC champion with two league losses.

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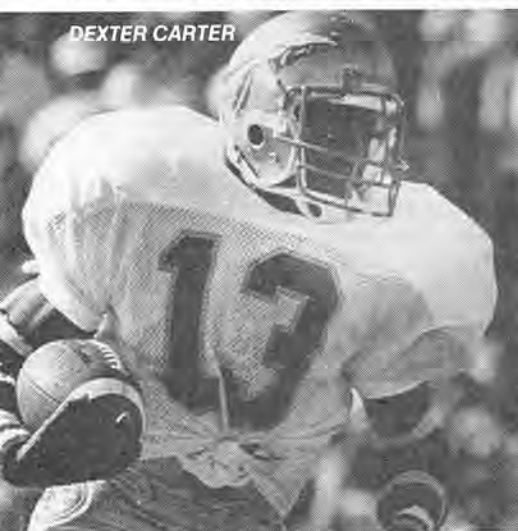
FLORIDA STATE

The only way the Seminoles could improve upon last season's efforts is to win the national title. With 14 starters returning and a capable cast of successors ready to contribute, FSU may field its best team ever this fall. The Seminoles feature a hard-hitting defense led by All-America safety Deion Sanders and an explosive offense led by tailback Sammie Smith.

How far FSU goes, however, may well be determined by the play at quarterback. Danny McManus, who passed for 1,964 yards and 14 touchdowns, is gone. Senior Chip Ferguson, who played well filling in extensively for an injured McManus two years ago, opens fall practice as No. 1, with junior Peter Tom Willis pressing him for the position. Ferguson completed only 26 of 44 passes in reserve action last season but was the 1985 Gator Bowl MVP during a season in which he threw for 807 yards and four touchdowns.

Ferguson should enjoy looking to his backfield for help. Smith, a junior, is a world-class sprinter who runs hard at 6-2 and 220 pounds. He's one of the nation's best tailbacks in what may be the nation's most talented backfield. Smith led the team with 1,230 yards rushing last season. Backup tailback Dexter Carter, a 5-9 and 160-pound senior with breakaway speed, rushed for 728 yards. The third tailback, senior Victor Floyd, missed much action with a foot injury last season but was the

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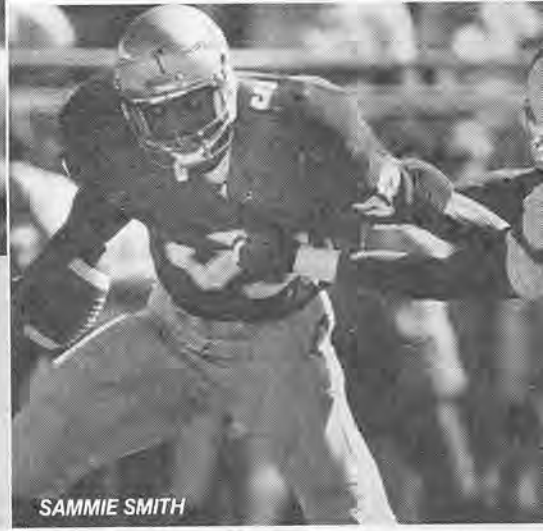
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SAMMIE SMITH



have been in the hunt for national honors except for a crushing loss to Florida State. The Tigers lose quarterback Jeff Burger but return what should be the SEC's best defense. LSU and Tennessee, meanwhile, will have experience at quarterback in Tommy Hodson and Jeff Francis, respectively, and league coaches will usually agree that experienced quarterbacking is the No. 1 factor in selecting a favorite. Alabama and Georgia do have experienced quarterbacks, but neither has a settled situation at that position. They do have larger numbers of quality athletes than at any time since their gravy days of the early '80s.

Even the second-division teams boast talent, including at least two All-America candidates: Vanderbilt quarterback Eric Jones and Florida's sophomore sensation, running back Emmitt Smith. What those two teams, as well

as Ole Miss, Mississippi State, and Kentucky, seem to lack are numbers, the kind it will take to win a long war of attrition, which is what the SEC race has essentially become. Still, every team in the league is capable of pulling an upset, which only gives more grounds for coaches to worry.

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team's leading rusher as a sophomore with 654 yards. Dayne Williams returns as the starting fullback. FSU's leading receiver, Herb Gainer, is gone but Bowden still has plenty. Junior Ron Lewis (23-418-4) is a deep threat and junior Terry Anthony (7-137-1) is highly regarded. Tom O'Malley will replace standout tight end Pat Carter.

Bowden's offensive line has as much ability as the skill positions. Four of five starters return with All-America candidate and senior tackle Pat Tomberlin (6-4, 305) leading the way. Also back is senior tackle Joey Ionata (6-3, 251), junior guard John Brown (6-4, 278), and senior guard Jason Kuipers (6-2, 268). The starting center remains undetermined.

Sanders, a senior considered to be the best defensive back in the country as well as one of the best punt returners, leads a unit that

doesn't figure to slip much despite the loss of five starters, including Butkus Award-winning linebacker Paul McGowan. Junior Odell Haggins (6-2, 240) anchors the line, where he was a force at nose guard and led the team last season with eight sacks. Senior Steve Gabbard (6-4, 261) and junior Eric Hayes (6-3, 270) return at tackle. Junior Ed Clark and sophomore Calvin Smith will fill the inside linebacker positions vacated by McGowan and David Palmer. Sophomore Anthony Moss takes over for Terry Warren at one outside linebacker with junior Shelton Thompson returning at the other. Senior strong safety Stan Shivers returns with Sanders in the backfield. Eric Williams's cornerback spot goes to sophomore Corian Freeman with junior Dedrick Dodge taking over at free safety.

Place-kicker Richie Andrews replaces NCAA career scoring leader Derek Schmidt while Rick Tuten's vacated punting position remains open.

MIAMI

The defending champions have lost another talented class of athletes. Twelve Hurricanes were taken in April's NFL draft, meaning 19 of 22 starters on the 1986 team that lost to Penn State in the Fiesta Bowl were drafted. Ten were first- or second-round picks.

Still, coach Jimmy Johnson's cupboard is anything but bare as the 'Canes again should field one of the nation's top teams. The biggest problem the season presents is a tough schedule. The 'Canes have won 32 straight regular-season games and 19 in a row on the road. However, they must make some of col-

replacements will have a lot to do with how far the 'Canes climb in this season's rankings. Walsh, who ably answered questions about his ability to succeed Vinny Testaverde by completing 176 of 298 passes for 2,249 yards last season, assumes a more important leadership role, with talented sophomore Craig Erickson still waiting in the wings.

Soph split end Randal Hill, a converted defensive back with 4.3 speed in the 40-yard dash, has emerged as a future star in UM's pro passing attack but has yet to catch a pass in a game. Dale Dawkins and Andre Brown will compete with three highly regarded freshman recruits for the flanker position. Cleveland Gary and soph Leonard Conley replace the long-time reliable tandem of Melvin Bratton and Warren Williams. Conley (5-9 and 170) proved small but elusive in rushing for 423 yards last season, the most ever by a UM freshman. Rod Holder (6-3, 270) anchors the line at center with tackle John O'Neill (6-3, 267) and sophomore guard Mike Sullivan (6-4, 274) also returning as starters. Darren Bruce (6-3, 260), who saw much action last season, will start at a tackle with the other tackle position undetermined.

The defense is led by senior All-America candidates Rod Carter and Bill Hawkins. Carter (6-1, 231) played weakside linebacker last

season but may be moved inside this year to George Mira's vacated position. Randy Shannon returns at strongside linebacker. Orange Bowl MVP Bernard Clark (6-2, 238) has been challenged by sophomore Maurice Clark for the third linebacker spot, but both should see much action.

With the school's career sack leader, Danny Stubbs, gone, Hawkins (6-6, 260) emerges as a leader at defensive end. Soph Shane Curry (6-4, 245) and Willis Peguese (6-4, 245) could platoon at end with Greg Mark (6-4, 238) and Jimmie Jones returning at tackles.

The 'Canes will boast inexperience in the secondary with All-America safety Bennie Blades and three other starters or part-time starters gone. Don Ellis is a key to Miami's fortunes as he returns at one corner. Considered UM's best cover man last season, Ellis is recovering from knee surgery that forced him to miss eight games. Bubba McDowell, who replaced Ellis last year, has been moved to free safety. Juniors Bobby Harden and Kenny Berry lead a field of contenders for the other secondary positions.

With punter Jeff Feagles and place-kicker Greg Cox gone, both positions remain open with incoming freshmen and junior-college transfers expected to make impacts.

TULANE

First-year coach Greg Davis has the nucleus of a winning team to work with as he tries to improve on the 6-5 record that earned the Green Wave an Independence Bowl berth. Seven starters return on offense and defense.

The offense, however, must learn to live without the Jones-to-Zeno combination. Senior quarterback Terrence Jones returns but his favorite target, Marc Zeno, the NCAA's career reception yardage leader, is gone. Jones, who was fifth in the nation in total offense last year and ninth in passing efficiency, completed 192 of 319 passes for 2,551 yards and 20 touchdowns while rushing for 383 yards and eight TDs. He'll be looking for returning flanker Maurice Nelson (19-218-0) this year as well as Zeno's replacement, Jerome McIntosh, a converted quarterback. Also back is fullback Melvin Adams, last year's leading rusher (421 yards). His new backfield mate, replacing tailback Marvin Allen, is Michael Pierce. Key losses in the line are center Chuck Beck and tackle Andre Lockley. Returning are junior tight end Chuck Gorman, tackle Jim Bishop (6-4, 275), and guards John Ripoll (6-3, 260) and Kent Lattimore (6-3, 261). Soph Darin Shoulders (6-3, 273) steps in at one tackle with Fred Plunkett (6-2, 267) at center.

Senior Richard Harvey (6-2, 227) led the team in tackles last season. Sophomore Leroy Brown (246) returns to nose guard with Richard Sauter (245) at tackle and Lonnie Marts (216) at one defensive end. Freshman Darron Davis (220) has earned a shot at the other end with junior Vincent Mulmore joining Harvey at linebacker. The secondary returns three starters: cornerbacks Thurston Harrison and Mike Riley and safety Mitchell Price. Soph Lenzer Burton is the strong safety.

MEMPHIS STATE

Third-year coach Charlie Bailey will try to keep the improvement going at Memphis State. His Tigers went from 1-10 two years ago to 5-5-1 last year. Another significant step forward and they could find themselves in their first bowl



BILL HAWKINS
Miami



STEVE WALSH
Miami



TERRENCE JONES
Tulane

lege football's most difficult road trips this season with games at Michigan, Notre Dame, and LSU. Their home schedule includes Florida State, Brigham Young and Arkansas.

Junior quarterback Steve Walsh leads an offense that doesn't figure to be as explosive with the loss of nearly all its skill-position players. The game-breaking trio of wide receivers Mike Irvin, Brian Blades, and Brett Perriman were all chosen in the first two rounds of the 1988 draft. The development of their young

game since 1971. Bailey has a solid nucleus: 17 returning starters.

Junior quarterback Tim Jones, a sprint-out passer who has shown an ability to turn the ball upfield on his own, is back to key the power-I offense. He completed 54 of 95 passes last year for 789 yards and five touchdowns while running for another 269 and two TDs. Wayne Pryor, who led the Tigers in rushing (647 yards, 5 TDs), is back at fullback and Gerald White at tailback. White rushed for 422 yards and three touchdowns in less than half a season before injuring a knee. He's being counted on for a significant contribution this season. Charles Wilson, who led the Tigers in receiving, returns with Ray Craft back at flanker. Rob Phenicie and Lee Butler vie for tight end. The line has lost four starters, including standout tackle Tim Borcky and guard Scott Dill. Reid Bennett (6-4, 270) returns.

The defense's only loss is inside linebacker Troy Meyers. Everyone returns to a secondary that was ninth in pass defense last season and figures to be even better this time. Reggie DuBose and free safety Eddie Moore team with senior cornerbacks Mike Nettles and Randall Cooper. Three-year starter Damon Young, the Tigers' leading tackler, is one inside linebacker with Troy Thompson, a junior-college transfer, likely to take over for Meyers at the other. Marlon Brown and Clarence Hauer are the outside linebackers. Brown's 11 sacks led the team. Greg Ross (6-3, 275) and Adrian Harrod (6-3, 260) are the tackles and Tory Epps (6-1, 270) the nose guard.

John Butler returns to handle the place-kicking duties and Jeff Fite the punting.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Head coach Nelson Stokley is looking for a third straight winning season. His teams have posted back-to-back 6-5 records, the first consecutive winning years at the school since 1976-77. Stokley has a solid nucleus to build on with 15 starters returning.

Defensive ends Chris Gannon (6-5, 250) and Dexter Gatewood (6-1, 229) anchor the line. Gannon led the team last season with six sacks and 13 tackles for losses; Gatewood had four and 10. Mark Paul (6-5, 285) is the other tackle with Robert Johnson (6-1, 253) at nose guard. Randy Guidry and Theron Harrison return as linebackers with Thomas King at safety and Patrick Taylor and Dwight Willis on the corners.

Mike Lemoine will be the new place-kicker with Leslie Luquette taking over the punting.

The offense must rebuild its line with all new starters. However, nearly all the skill players are back in place in the Run-and-Shoot offense. Junior Brian Mitchell led the team in rushing with 760 yards and nine touchdowns while throwing for more than 1,100 yards and six TDs. He's the key, a dual threat who ran for 271 yards and passed for 205 against Colorado State a year ago. Fullback Steve McKinney, the second-leading rusher (489 yards), returns to the backfield with sophomore P.D. Broussard. The leading receiver, senior Willie Culpepper (31-586-3), returns along with Murray Atkins and wingback Joe Redding.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

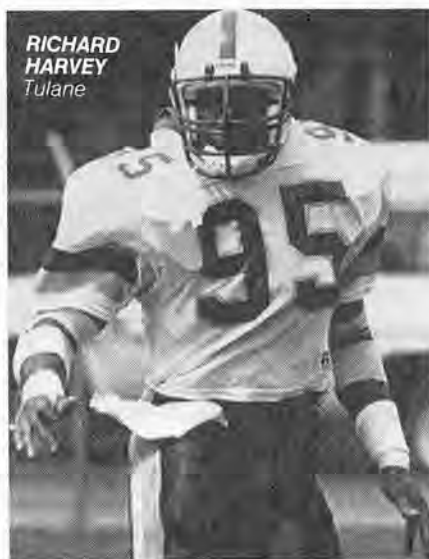
First-year coach Curley Hallman will be looking to improve upon last season's 6-5 record and earn the Golden Eagles their first bowl bid since 1981.

Five starters return on offense, with senior tailback Shelton Gandy (225-1, 025-6) and sophomore quarterback Brett Favre leading the way. Golden Eagle followers believe the nucleus is there if the newcomers can complement it. Continued improvement from Favre is expected. He completed 79 of 194 passes for 1,264 yards last season with a school-record 15 touchdowns. He showed flashes of brilliance, throwing for a record 295 yards against Southwestern Louisiana. Favre's favorite target, Darryl Tillman (25-548-4), returns at wide receiver with fullback Reginald Warnsley (57-229-1) back to support Gandy. Hallman, however, must replace the entire offensive line.

The defense has much to prove with only four starters returning. Nose guard Steve Rankin (6-2, 295) is a formidable figure who teams with end Steve Brown (6-1, 199) and tackle Toby Watts (6-5, 242) as the veterans anchoring the line. Vincent Rollins is the only starter returning to the secondary.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Georgia Southern was supposed to be rebuilding last season after winning two straight Division I-AA titles. Apparently, the process is complete. The Eagles were 8-3 before losing to Appalachian State in the I-AA quarterfinals.



RICHARD HARVEY
Tulane

With 10 starters returning on offense and five on defense, coach Erk Russell has his sites set on a third national title.

The explosive components of Russell's flexbone offense all return. Sophomore quarterback Raymond Gross, who started the last seven games of the season, rushed for 765 yards and nine touchdowns while throwing for another 608 yards and two TDs. Soph Joe Ross is back at fullback after leading the team in rushing with 1,125 yards, the most of any freshman in I-AA last year. Slotback Ernest Thompson (91-415-8) teams with Frank Johnson (49-287-2). Tony Belser (39-596-4) and Ross Worsham (10-132-2) return as wide receivers. The experience of the skill positions is complemented by that of the offensive line. Everybody but tackle Ron Warnock returns, with I-AA All-America senior center Dennis Franklin (6-1, 265) leading the way. The guards are Sean Gainey (255) and Brad Bernard (262) with Tony Smith (250) at one tackle.

Competition for the other tackle remains open.

Big things are expected from James Carter (6-0, 235), a defensive tackle moving to middle linebacker this year. Carter replaces All-America Flint Matthews, the Eagles' leading tackler last season. Linebacker Everett Sharpe and tackle Charlie Waller (6-4, 252) help anchor the front seven. Strong safety Taz Dixon and cornerback Terry Young are back to bolster the secondary.

Punter Terry Harvin (38.2) returns but Russell has yet to choose a replacement for All-America place-kicker Tim Foley.

WESTERN KENTUCKY

The Hilltoppers have much to prove if they intend to earn a second consecutive berth in the I-AA playoffs. Chiefly, they must find a replacement for Jeff Cesarone, a quarterback who left with virtually all the school passing records. Five starters return on both the offense and defense from coach Dave Roberts's 7-4 team of a year ago.

Senior David Armstrong appears to be the heir to Cesarone. He'll have tailback Joe Arnold to rely upon. Arnold led the team in rushing with 901 yards and eight touchdowns. Part-time starting fullback Pedro Bacon also returns along with center Dan Watterson (6-5, 260), tackle Rob Weinle (6-5, 270), and tight end Robert Coates (6-2, 230), who had 40 catches for 470 yards. A handful of young players are vying to fill openings at flanker and wide receiver, but Cedric Jones should step forward. He led the team in receiving two years ago before having to sit out last year because of academic problems. The Hilltoppers also are looking for help in the backfield from SMU transfer Tony Brown.



JAMES EDWARDS
Louis

The defense lost three of four players in the secondary, including All-America safety James Edwards. The only starter returning there is senior cornerback Ron Burroughs. Also back on are linebackers Mike Carberry and Calvin Edwards. Tackle Allen Reitchcheck (245) and end Xavier Jordan (235) are back to anchor the line.

Dan Maher is the place-kicker but the punting position remains open.

LOUISVILLE

Cardinal football fans are hoping year No. 4 is the magical one in coach Howard Schnellenberger's rebuilding program. Louisville hasn't had a winning record since 1978.



BOBBY HUMPHREY
Alabama

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AUBURN

(9-1-2, 5-0-1) From the first day to the last, 1987 was a year of controversy for Auburn coach Pat Dye. Players (stars like 1986 running back Brent Fullwood and quarterback Jeff Burger) were in the news for academic troubles. Dye compounded it by saying he would place no limits on his recruitment of non-qualifiers. Burger got in trouble with the law. Auburn played for a tie in the Sugar Bowl and incurred the wrath of Syracuse fans.

Of course, Auburn did the one thing that invites outrage from opponents more than anything else—it won. Dye may not have been much at PR, but he was just fine, thank you, as a football coach, revamping his offense from a grind-it-out ground game to a controlled passing one, and using that air attack and a strong defense to capture the league crown. Dye's guys will try to defend the title with the same formula, and just might have the personnel to make it work.

The key is junior Reggie Slack, who started one game at quarterback last year while Burger sat out for an NCAA rules violation. Slack did well in that outing and completed 17 of 29 passes for the year, but he will have to take charge this season. He is an outstanding athlete, though, and has been groomed for the

"We will have more experience than at any time since I've been here," Schnellenberger said. "We have a chance to be a much more consistent football team." Fans think 16 returning starters will help the Cardinals significantly improve upon last year's 3-7-1 mark.

Senior quarterback Jay Gruden returns after throwing for 2,481 yards and 17 touchdowns with 21 interceptions. He'll be pushed by Rob Nutile and sophomore Browning Nagle. Deon Booker, who led the team in rushing last season with 671 yards, returns to the backfield with fullback Craig Swabek, who takes over for a key loss, Rodney Knighton, last year's leading receiver. Joey Hamilton (24-490-2) and soph Anthony Cummings (24-359-5) provide breakaway speed at receiver. George Williams returns at tight end.

The offensive line returns three starters: Allen Douglass (6-3, 246) at center, Jeff Smith (6-1, 243) at guard, and Pete Burke (6-4, 266) at tackle. New to the left side of the line are guard Mike McKinney (6-3, 279) and tackle Chris Glasper (6-4, 273).

A defense that yielded 429 yards per game and too many big plays should be improved. Everybody's back in the secondary: Gary Warren anchors one corner and Arthur Alexander the other; free safety Terry Lantz teams with soph strong safety Bob Bare.

Soph Reggie Johnson takes over at middle linebacker with Mark Sander and Pat Fitzgerald returning to anchor the outside positions. The line's key loss is end Chris Thieneman. His replacement is Ed Reynolds (6-2, 233), who saw much action as a reserve last season. Neil Singleton (6-2, 215) returns at the other end with sophomore Ted Washington (6-5, 284) back at one tackle. Washington is expected to be a dominating player. Andrew Higgs (6-3, 264) is the other tackle.

Sophomore Ronnie Bell is back at place-kicker, but a new punter must establish himself as Kirk Kennedy's replacement.



STACY DANLEY
Auburn

spot for three years. Dye expressed so much confidence in him this spring that the quarterback position was never really thrown open for competition.

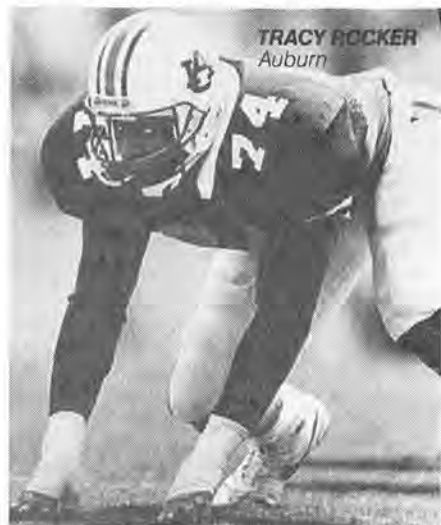
One thing that will make Slack's transition to the starting spot smoother is the presence of the SEC's best receiving corps. Senior Lawyer Tillman is a truly awesome athlete at 6-4, 225 pounds, with 4.4 speed and great hands. He had 32 catches for 600 yards last year. Tight end Walter Reeves had 23 catches and is all-conference material. Freddy Weygand is a three-year letterman with worlds of ability. Greg Taylor and Alexander Wright both have speed and experience.

Things do not look so promising at running back, where there are no Bo Jacksons in evidence. James Joseph gained 101 yards last year despite playing with a broken kneecap. He'll probably start since last year's leading rusher, soph Stacy Danley, and speedy Harry Mose are fighting their way back from injuries. John Stewart, who sat out last year because of Proposition 48, might help.

Three starters return on an offensive line whose forte was protecting Burger. The best of the trio is senior tackle Jim Thompson (265), though he has a history of knee problems.

John Hudson (252) started all 11 games at center and Stacy Dunn (260) didn't miss a start at left guard. Sophomore Brad Johnson (275) seemed set to step in at the other guard but hurt a knee in the spring; freshman signee Ed King (275) may take his job. Rob Selby (260) will likely be the other tackle. Depth could be a problem.

That's not likely on defense, though. While most other teams can't find enough linemen,



TRACY RUCKER
Auburn

Auburn has All-America candidates at nearly every position and one in reserve as well. Tracy Rucker (260) was a Lombardi Award finalist last year, the only returning player in the country who can make that claim. Senior Benji Roland (268) is a powerful nose guard and Ron Stallworth (260) has finally started living up to expectations he earned as national prep player of the year in 1984. The top reserve is sophomore David Rucker (270), Tracy's brother and the man who Dye admits privately "may be the best of the bunch."

While the down three will anchor Auburn's defense, there are big holes in the linebacking corps. Although he was the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, Aundray Bruce didn't win many honors because of his inconsistency. Still, his big-play ability will be missed, as will the sureness of inside linebackers Kurt Crain and Edward Phillips. Craig Ogletree is an excellent outside linebacker. Brian Smith (6-7, 250) will likely man the other end in Bruce's old spot. The inside linebackers will come from a group consisting of Steve Brown, Smiky Hodge, Anthony Judge, and Quentin Riggins. None has proven himself in game-day competition.

Safety Carlo Cheattom is speedy and steady, and Dye says that makes him the best in the SEC. The rest of the secondary, except for cornerback Greg Staples, is not experienced, but there is an abundance of talent. John Wiley and Dennis Wallace, both sophomores, lead for the other two starting spots.

Kicking was an Auburn strong point last year, and should be again as both punter Brian Shulman (40.7) and place-kicker Win Lyle return. Lyle made 15 of 19 field goals.

"This has to be classified as a rebuilding year for us in some ways," said Dye, and the Tigers do not appear clearly dominant, as they did last year. But with an organized offense and a powerful defense, Auburn may be better equipped to defend its title than many people think.

ALABAMA

(7-5, 4-2) Alabama has many things which should prove beneficial to Bill Curry. One is All-America running back Bobby Humphrey. Another is All-America linebacker Derrick Thomas. And there is a deep, talented core of supplemental players. But the one thing Alabama does not have is a group of patient fans, and Curry had better surpass last year's 7-5 season and solve the mysterious lapses of consistency that plagued the Tide, or he'll find that out firsthand.

Alabama whipped LSU, Tennessee, and Penn State, and looked good doing it last year. But it also lost to Memphis State and got hammered by Notre Dame and Auburn. Things improved in the Hall of Fame Bowl, but the Tide still lost to Michigan. Much of the blame for Alabama's inconsistent nature fell on the offense. There were three different starting quarterbacks, and by March, there was a new offensive coordinator as well, with Curry bringing in Homer Smith, formerly of UCLA, to replace the often-criticized Rip Scherer. It was a popular move, but results in the fall are what counts.

It appeared, late last season, that sophomore Jeff Dunn, who threw for 484 yards as a freshman, had seized control of the quarterback job. But he suffered a shoulder injury in the spring. When the dust had settled, the first-teamer was heady senior David Smith, who had been the starter for three games in '87 before a broken collarbone ended his year. Senior Vince Sutton, who also started

two games last year, remained in third place but challenging. There is a strong feeling in Tuscaloosa that Dunn will probably regain the job in the fall.

If Alabama can stabilize the quarterback spot, it should have a fine offense. Humphrey, if he recovers as expected from a stress fracture in the left foot, is a great offensive weapon. He is already Alabama's all-time career rusher—his 1,255 yards last season give him a career-total 3,228—and should break Herschel Walker's SEC record for all-purpose yardage some time this season. He combines breakaway speed with tough inside ability and soft hands and is expected back at full speed by September. Robert Stewart will likely flank Humphrey at fullback.

Larry Rose (275), a three-year starter at guard, heads the crew blocking for Humphrey. The Tide line also features two giant tackles in Terrill Chatman (290) and John Fruhmorgen (295). Guard Andy Anderson (265) and smallish center Roger Shultz (250) round out the unit, which should be Alabama's most consistent in years. Making them better is Howard Cross (245), who is only fair as a receiver but a tenacious blocker at tight end. Tackle Joe King (310) was ousted from the team for disciplinary reasons last season but could be back this fall.

If Alabama has a weak area on offense, it's the receiving corps, where the sure-handed players are also the slowest. Greg Payne and Marco Battle look to start, while the team's two sprinters, Pierre Goode and Todd Richard-

son, will probably come off the bench to provide a deep threat when necessary.

On defense, Thomas is the feature attraction. With Cornelius Bennett gone to the pros, Thomas was everywhere for the Tide, smashing the league record with 16 sacks as a junior. Curry and staff experimented with Thomas as an inside linebacker in the spring, but he'll likely go back outside, where his speed makes him nearly unstoppable.

Thomas's pass-rushing skills are vital because of the lack of a dominant pass-rusher in the Crimson Tide's defensive line. Nose guard Willie Wyatt (260) and tackle Tommy Cole (255) are hard-nosed types but lack the great speed needed to register much of a rush. Thomas Rayam (275), slated to start at end, could supplement the rush greatly. Curry has to hope that freshmen Steve Webb (240) and Byron Sneed (225), battling for the other end, do the same. Greg Gilbert and Willie Shephard started at inside linebacker last year and return for their senior season, but a lack of bulk in the middle was a major concern for the Tide. Three 240-pound newcomers, led by Proposition 48 casualty Keith McCants, will see lots of playing time this year.

The secondary improved more than any other part of the Tide team during the course of 1987, and the entire unit returns. Gene Jelks, who made a successful transition from running back to cornerback, could be all-conference; safety Kermit Kendrick and cornerback John Mangum are already playing at that level. Lee Ozmint, a hard-hitting safety,

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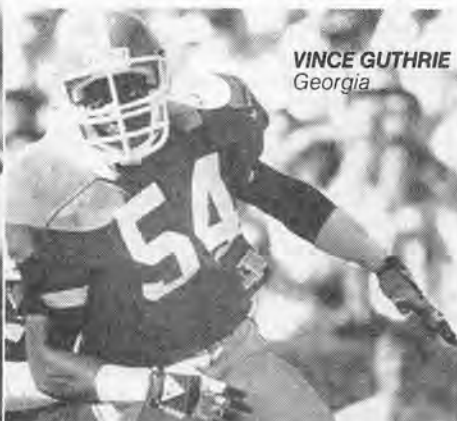
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GENE JENKINS
Alabama

may be on hand this fall. The last time Georgia mixed those ingredients, back in the days of Herschel Walker and quarterbacks Buck Belue and John Lastinger, it meant Southeastern Conference championships. While the names aren't the same, Vince Dooley has to be happy with the way things have developed.

Of course, nothing is quite the same as it once was. For one thing, speedster Tim Worley (210), on whom much of the Bulldog hopes depend, is unlike Walker in some ways ("There is no back like Herschel, anywhere,"



VINCE GUTHRIE
Georgia

enced down linemen. Aaron Chubb (230) will likely be one end, with the rest of the line unsettled. The situation at linebacker is better with three starters returning: Terrie Webster, Brent Collins, and Vince Guthrie. Cornerback Ben Smith, an all-SEC performer, heads an inexperienced secondary. Inexperience may not be so bad, though, as Georgia was last in the league in pass defense last year.

Special teams should be a plus for the Bulldogs. Hester returns to punt and place-kicker John Kasay is solid. Hampton is a topnotch kickoff returner and Nathaniel Jackson led the league in punt returns (13.8 average).

LOUISIANA STATE

(10-1-1, 5-1) There's one thing no one can accuse the LSU Tigers of doing this season: ducking the opposition. Not only do the Tigers play all the SEC contenders except Georgia, they also step outside the league to face defending national champ Miami, Cotton Bowl winner Texas A&M, and Ohio State. Of course, the Tigers played a similar slate last year and came within one game—a loss to Alabama when quarterback Tom Hodson was injured—of making it through undefeated.

It is a measure of the Tigers' talent that there are no voices of gloom and doom coming out



DERRICK THOMAS

KERMIT KENDRICK
Alabama

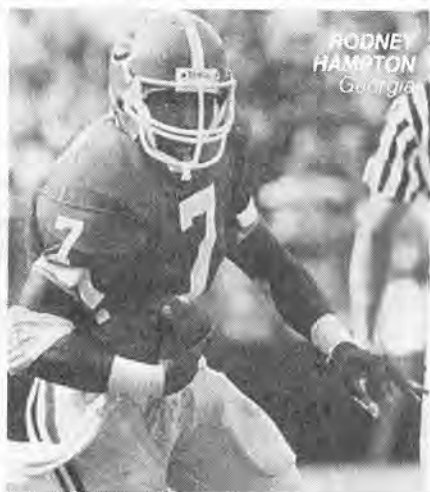
Dooley admits) but identical to him in at least one way: he is not currently eligible to play college football. Worley will have to come through summer school with flying colors to don the Red and Black this fall, and there are serious doubts whether he can do it. If not, there are still some good running backs, like Keith Henderson and Rodney Hampton, who gained over 800 yards backing up Lars Tate last year, but no game-breaker.

The quarterback from Valdosta, freshman Greg Talley, a redshirt last year, isn't a sure thing either. He is not overly talented, although he does have the kind of intangibles that Dooley likes, and, besides, if Henderson and Worley are eligible, he'll be handing off most of the time. If Georgia is forced to rely on throwing the ball, there are experienced quarterbacks in Wayne Johnson, inconsistent and injury-prone for three years, and Joey Hester.

In its more settled spots, Georgia returns a dozen starters, six on each side of the ball, to give Dooley a solid set of building blocks. On offense, there is a strong line, led by the SEC's top center, senior Todd Wheeler (267). Both tackles, juniors Scott Adams (275) and Curt Mull (280), return, although both guards had to be replaced. Tight end Troy Sadowski is one of the best in a league stocked with capable players at the position. If Hampton is not pressed into halfback duty by the 'Dogs academic problems, he will be the fullback. Split end John Thomas heads the receiving corps, though Sadowski may well be the No. 1 target.

Defense was a problem for Georgia last year, not what Dooley likes to see although he admitted, "We have been questionable there for the past several years, and we are still questionable. We've made some adjustments, with great reservations." The adjustments consist basically of a switch to a seven-man front, putting another pass defender in the game, and cutting down on the number of big plays burning the Bulldog secondary.

Nose guard Bill Goldberg (266) and end Wycliffe Lovelace (265) are the only experi-



RODNEY HAMPTON
Georgia

of the bayou. Coach Mike Archer is confident, thanks in large part to the presence of the gifted Hodson, who led the SEC with 2,125 yards last season. After just two years, he already holds many of the LSU passing records. And if the Tigers can rebuild their receiving corps, he may set even more this year. "The thing that sets Tommy apart is that he makes so many big plays," said Archer. "Physically and mentally, he gets us out of bad situations."

There are glaring holes, though. The nation's leading receiver, first-round NFL choice Wendell Davis, and two other starters must be replaced. The most experienced returnees are tight end Ronnie Halliburton, who caught five passes last year, and Tony Moss, who had 11 grabs in '87. Alvin Lee and redshirt freshman Todd Kinchen will provide depth on the outside, while 6-7 soph Willie Williams is projected as the backup tight end. LSU may be running the ball more anyway, especially if soph Harvey Williams can bounce back from major knee surgery. If Williams, a 9.9 sprinter, cannot make it back, Eddie Fuller will likely start alongside fullback Victor Jones, who

rounds out the backfield, with sophomore Mike Smith providing depth.

Chris Mohr (40.1) returns for a fourth year as the Tide punter, while Philip Doyle leads Alan Ward in the place-kicking battle.

Things seem to be in place for Alabama to have a big year. There is a well-stocked roster of blue-chip high school talent and none of the distractions of a coaching transition. Curry may not win big this year, but if he doesn't produce, he may not get another chance like this in Tuscaloosa.

GEORGIA

(9-3, 4-2) All the elements for Georgia success—a great running back, a strong defense, and even a quarterback from that little south Georgia football haven of Valdosta—

gained 272 yards last year. Slip Watkins, who has blazing speed, will also fit in somewhere, if only as a kick returner.

Despite the loss of two all-SEC players in the line, LSU should be solid up front. Archer will build around returning tackles Jim Hubicz (260) and Robert Packnett (265). Todd Cou-tee (255) will take over at center. Ruffin Rod-rigue (250), who started last year, is one guard, while the spot vacated by all-SEC Eric Andolsek will likely go to sophomore Blake Miller (250). There is depth as well.

Defensively, the biggest concern is in the secondary, where Greg Jackson is the only returning starter. Even he is learning a new position as he moves from strong to weak safety. Redshirt freshmen Corey Raymond and Derrick Giron are fighting for the other safety spot; seniors Jimmy Young and Mike Mayes are expected to start at the corners.

Unlike the secondary, the linebacking crew appears deep and experienced, headed by all-SEC candidate Ron Sancho, a three-year starter on the outside. He had 86 tackles and a team-high nine sacks in '87. Opposite Sancho should be Eric Hill, but he is currently suspended following an offseason brawl. Rudy Harmon and Verge Ausberry should open the season at inside linebacker, unless

LSU, and Alabama as well. That will tell the tale on Tennessee's title hopes.

Johnny Majors has won just one SEC championship in his 11 years at his alma mater, and Big Orange fans who pack Neyland Stadium 100,000-strong on Saturdays are getting a little testy as they wait for another. This could be the year, thanks mainly to the talents of returning quarterback Jeff Francis, but defensive coordinator Ken Donahue had better turn in one of his best jobs, because the Volunteers don't appear to have a championship-caliber defense. The highlight last year, according to the Vols' press kit, was a goal-line stand against Kentucky, which is damning a defense with faint praise. In its six SEC games, UT allowed nearly 24 points per contest.

Any improvement will have to begin with senior linebacker Keith DeLong (219), who made 125 stops last year. The son of former Outland winner Steve DeLong, he closed the year with a 17-tackle performance against Vanderbilt. Shon Walker, a freshman 205-pounder from Tennessee Military, may start alongside DeLong. On the outside, senior Bryan Kimbro and junior Tracy Hayworth look like the starters.

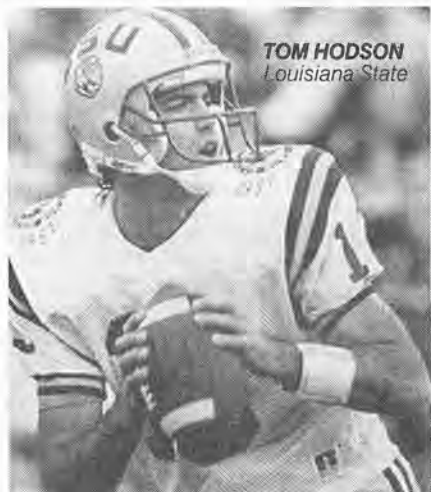
Defensive tackle Marion Hobby (264) is the most experienced lineman. David Johnson

ance Cleveland (23 catches), return, as well as Alvin Harper, the top backup. All the backs are also good receivers, and tight end Nate Middlebrooks can make the big play. He had 11 catches for 180 yards as a junior.

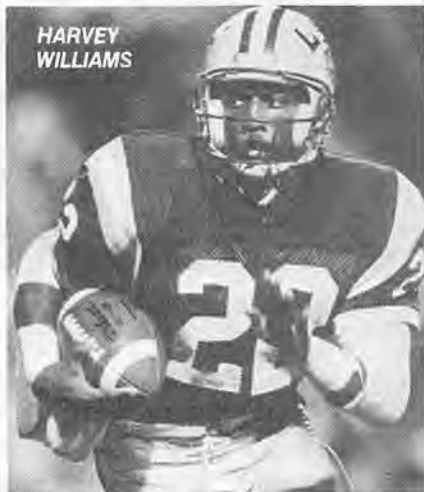
Tennessee won't have to rely on passing, though, thanks to the league's Freshman of the Year, running back Reggie Cobb, who gained 1,197 yards and led the SEC with 20 touchdowns. With Cobb and Keith Davis, apparently recovered from knee surgery, tailback is the strongest position on the team. Fullback, though, is unsettled; converted tight end John Rollins may have the job.

Guard Eric Still (274), an all-SEC candidate, and tackle Kevin Simons (278) are the core of Tennessee's offensive line. Tackle Phil Stuart (278) is also a returning starter and 280-pound soph Robbin Perry provides depth. Ray Robinson (276) is the top candidate at center, while Antoine Davis (298) leads at left guard. That position was depleted by the off-season death of redshirt freshman Leon Baxter. Freshman John Fisher (260) could also challenge at center or guard.

Strong-legged Dirk Borgognone, who set a national prep record with a 68-yard field goal two years ago, will handle the place-kicking; punting duties are still unassigned.



TOM HODSON
Louisiana State



HARVEY WILLIAMS

1986 starter Mike Murla bounces back from knee surgery. The line may not be as talented as the linebackers but it is a veteran unit. All-SEC nose guard Darrell Phillips (245) returns after making 100 tackles last season, and he will be flanked by the familiar faces of ends Karl Dunbar (262) and junior Clint James (253). Redshirt freshman Mark Boutte (230) is a strong candidate for playing time as well.

Place-kicker David Browndyke made 14 of 20 field goals last year and is one of the league's best. The punter likely will be walk-on soph Brian Griffith.

In all, LSU has a lot of talent. Unfortunately, so does everyone the Tigers play, and even with the skilled Hodson at the controls, it may be asking too much of this LSU team to match last year's 10-1-1 record.

TENNESSEE

(10-2-1, 4-1-1) At least Tennessee football fans won't have to worry and wait to see whether the Vols have a chance at the conference title. Tennessee opens the season against Georgia on September 3, and by October 15, the Vols will have played Auburn,

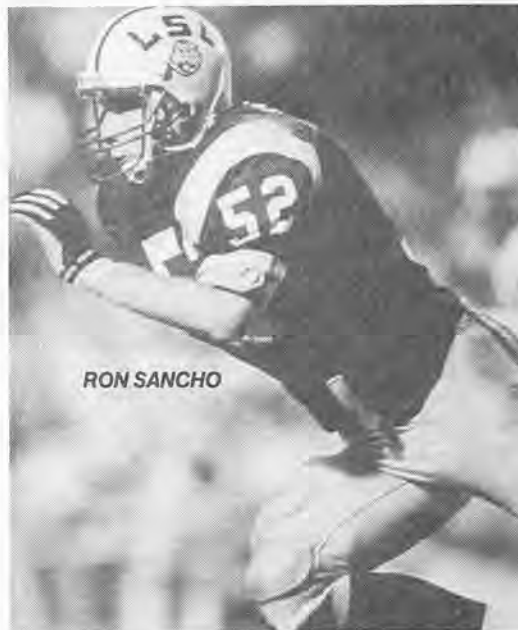
(237) started 10 games at tackle last year, but his size creates a problem in stopping the run, and redshirt freshman Pat Lenoir (265) may take his job away. Bill Schoenle (273), another redshirt frosh, may also compete. Charles McRae (274) should be the nose guard after serving as a backup last year.

Things aren't quite so grim in the secondary. Safety Cedric Kline is solid, and sophomore Kelly Days, the other safety, has some experience. The cornerbacks lack experience but have plenty of talent. Sophs Jeremy Lincoln and Preston Warren came out of spring as the probable starters.

If Tennessee is to win big this season, it is probably going to have to score a lot of points, which makes the presence of Francis all the more reassuring. The 6-4, 210-pound senior completed 121 of 201 passes for 1,512 yards and eight touchdowns last year despite missing two games with an ankle injury. More impressive, he directed Tennessee to five game-saving scoring drives, all in the fourth quarter. Sophomore Sterling Hinton is his backup. Francis's top two targets, split end Thomas Woods (28 catches) and flanker Ter-

FLORIDA

(6-5, 2-4) Last February, Galen Hall did a couple of things he hadn't been able to do during his previous years as Florida's head coach. First, he got to sign 30 players (until 1987, lingering NCAA penalties had reduced the Gators' limit). Second, with Kerwin Bell graduated, he finally acquired some new quarterbacks, inking four prep standouts. However, that doesn't mean that this year's most pressing problems, a lack of depth and inexperienced quarterbacking, have been solved immediately. There may have been some off-the-field problems at Florida as well. How else do you explain the fact that the Gators led the SEC in total defense but ended the year with Hall firing his defensive coordinator, Zaven Yarialian? Hall made other staff changes as well, perhaps to show that he isn't the jovial,



RON SANCHO

JEFF FRANCIS
Tennessee



REGGIE COBB
Tennessee



LOUIS OLIVER
Florida



EMMITT SMITH
Florida



field is the solid fullback tandem of Willie McGrady and Cedric Smith, while Wayne Williams is a strong backup for Smith.

David Williams, a 300-pound senior tackle, will be the main man on the Florida line. He may be the SEC's best offensive lineman. Guard Rich Starowesky (280) also started last season and could be an all-star. Center Tracy Daniels (245) returns as well, but the other spots remain to be filled. Wide receiver was not a strong spot for the Gators in '87, although Stacy Simmons made 25 catches and seemed to improve as the year went on. Tight end Clifton Reynolds is sound, and there is decent depth on the outside with Ernie Mills.

Defensively, the Gators appear to be in fairly good shape, despite the change in coordinators. Up front, the leader is tackle Rhondy Weston (6-6, 270), who should win all-SEC honors this year. Nose guard Jeff Roth (260), one of the strongest players in the league, has already won those honors. An intriguing player at the other tackle is 275-pound senior Trace Armstrong, an outstanding pass rusher at Arizona State last year. The NCAA ruled that Armstrong could not play for the Sun Devils this year, but allowed him to transfer to Florida, where he will complete his career.

Todd Gatlin and Pat Moore return as the inside linebackers and should be a solid pair. Outside linebackers Mark Murray and Huey Richardson both made the all-SEC freshman team a year ago. Louis Oliver (6-2, 214) returns for his senior year at safety. He has the size and speed to be a top pro prospect, and

he just may be the best defensive back in the SEC this fall. Junior cornerback Tony Jones also returns, but the other two spots appear to be open. Kerry Watkins, a top kick returner, will be in the plans somewhere.

Andy Elton will likely step into Robert McGinty's shoes as the place-kicker, but there is no apparent punting leader.

Florida probably has as many topnotch individuals as any team in the league, and while Smith will be much more of a marked man without the obvious passing threat Bell presented, he could still be a Heisman contender. But there just doesn't seem to be enough depth, especially on the offensive line and in the secondary, to give Florida a real shot at the top of the SEC.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

(4-7, 1-5) Mississippi State coach Rockey Felker has to be hoping that the forecast for the Bulldogs this fall is Fair—as in David Fair, the 6-foot-2, 215-pound sophomore who was running for over 100 yards per game before he injured his knee in September and underwent reconstructive surgery. If Fair can make a comeback, then State should have a chance to move up in the league standings.

With Fair to go along with senior Hank Phillips, who gained 848 yards last year, State would have a solid running attack, which it needs to take the heat off sophomore quarterback Eric Underwood. A 6-2, 183-pounder, Underwood shared time with Mike Davis last year, but won the job in the spring. He has the benefit of a solid, veteran receiving corps. Fred Hadley led the way with 28 catches for 499 yards, but Darryl Kennybrew and tight end Jesse Anderson are quality players as well. State may have to throw more this year, since it was primarily a lack of big plays that placed the Bulldogs 10th in the league in scoring offense last year. One problem, though, is that the line returns only two starters, center Tommy Goode (250) and guard Durward Minor (282). Soph tackle Tony Robertson (284) did get plenty of experience last year, as did soph Shelby Peterson (290), so things could improve quickly along the front. Again, depth remains the biggest problem.

It is on defense, though, where Felker can expect the most dramatic improvement. After years of being run over, State finally has the kind of line that can stack up physically with the powerful offenses of the SEC. With tackle Anthony Butts (273) flanked by prize signee Demetrius Hill, last year's national junior college Player of the Year, and all-SEC freshman Robert Young (250), the Bulldogs won't get pushed around any more. Soph Ricky Byrd (250) should be improved at nose guard.

Darren Martin leads the linebacking corps, with Jeremiah Sangster also returning. Cedric Corse left a big gap, though, and no one has yet emerged to fill his place. James Williams figures to play somewhere. There is much better news in the secondary, where all four starters return, including all-SEC candidate Eddie Myles. At the opposite corner, Milton Smith is the starter, while the safeties will be Albert Williams, who played some quarterback for the Bulldogs, and Bo Russell.

Last year's leading scorer, Joel Logan, returns to handle place-kicking chores, while Tommy Parks (39.1) will handle the punting. Myles is a dangerous punt returner in addition to his defensive prowess.

likable guy everyone sees him as. Toughness, after all, is important in a football coach.

For all those problems, though, there is one thing that all Florida fans can savor: Emmitt Smith's running. The freshman from Pensacola lived up to his prep press clippings as few players ever do, leading the league in rushing with 1,341 yards and 13 touchdowns. He had his problems, too, and was suspended for 10 days this spring. But the 5-10, 201-pound soph will be the starting point for the Gators this fall. "We have to have Emmitt Smith in our offense," said Hall. Although Smith does not have blinding speed or great size, he is the key to Florida's success. He was even the Gators' leading receiver last year (25 catches for 184 yards).

The absence of an experienced quarterback appears to be the biggest problem for Hall. The leading candidate at the end of the spring appeared to be sophomore Herbert Perry, who threw only eight passes as Bell's backup. Redshirt freshman Kyle Morris also remains in the picture. Rounding out the back-

VANDERBILT

(4-7, 1-5) The first player who comes to mind when you think about the 1988 Vanderbilt Commodores is not a punter. That may not sound like most teams, but for Vanderbilt, that's progress. Even more progressive, the player you do think of is a quarterback. Vandy's publicity people insist he's a Heisman candidate, and while that may be stretching things, they just might have a point.

The Commodore quarterback in question is Eric Jones, a multi-dimensional 6-2, 197-pound senior who led the SEC in passing efficiency and total yardage last year. Jones threw for 1,954 yards and ran for 665 more. Coach Watson Brown, a pretty fair quarterback at Vanderbilt himself, said he "can't say enough great things about Jones, and it was only his first year to play. He got even better in the spring." With seven other starters back



MARK YOUNG
Mississippi



GLENN FOHR
Kentucky



ANDY MURRAY
Kentucky

from an offense that scored 286 points last year, Brown has reason for optimism. The defense, though, is young and inexperienced.

Aiding Jones will be wide receiver Boo Mitchell, who caught 34 passes for 549 yards in '87. Senior Tony Pearcey, who suffered a broken arm last year, is the fastest player at Vandy and should start at flanker. Redshirt freshman Jerry Magee will provide depth. Tight end Steve Kosanovich has moved to wide receiver to make room for sophomore Nabil El-Shehai. He is joined by four returning starters on the offensive line: tackles Greg Smith (275) and Mills Fleming (254) and guards Mike Johnson (264) and Charles Pier-son (262). Redshirt freshman Bobby Craycraft (280) will push somebody at guard. Sophomore Thor Erickson (245) will be the center.

Linebacker Brad Gaines moved to tailback in the spring and may have won the starting job over 5-9 Mark Johnson, who lettered last year. Andy McCarroll, who gained 552 yards and is one of the SEC's better blocking backs, returns for a senior season at fullback. Freshman Anthony Carter (210) may find a spot.

The problem, however, is defense. There are two very good players: sophomore tackle Cedric Moore and senior linebacker Demond Winston. There are about three more pretty good players: safety Joe Gentry, linebacker Bob Scanlan, and Renford Reese, who moved from linebacker to safety. Everything else is questionable, though Brown promises the Commodores will be improved.

Oh, by the way, the punter is a good one, Johnny Clark. He also handles the place-kicking chores. But Vandy has to be happy that he won't be the most prominent player on the team this fall.

KENTUCKY

(5-6, 1-5) The Wildcats, as a team, are reflective of head coach Jerry Claiborne, who's been in the business nearly 40 years. Kentucky will be hard-working and tough but without much star quality. This team would not be boffo in a Hollywood box office. There are some decent role players, especially on defense, where the 'Cats figure to be strongest. But any improvement from last year's 5-6 record will probably depend on some unexpected improvement by the offense.

Eight starters return on defense, and only tackle Jerry Reese figures to be difficult to replace. Junior Oliver Barnett (269) will be one tackle, but Reese's replacement remains unnamed. The two guards in the UK wide-tackle six will be Jerry Bell (260), a redshirt freshman, and 270-pound junior Vic Adams. Jay Dortch (210) will be one end, with the other still open. All four of the top linebackers, led by Chris Chennault and Craig Benzinger, return. So do the top five players in the secondary, including corners David Johnson and Ben Mack and all-SEC candidate Ron Robinson and Mark Sellers at the safeties.

The defense will keep Kentucky in many of its games, as it did last year, when the offense sputtered in heartbreaking losses to Rutgers, Georgia, and Tennessee. Whether that inability to score critical points will change this year is doubtful. Four of the five starting offensive linemen are gone, as is 1,200-yard rusher Mark Higgs. Kicker Joe Worley, another potent weapon, has also departed.

There are runners on hand to replace Higgs. Ivy Joe Hunter gained over 500 yards

in part-time duty a year ago and should fill in admirably as a starter. If not, sophomore Al Baker can take up the slack. The quarterback is the experienced Glenn Fohr. He was not overly impressive as a passer last year, completing just 45 percent of his throws for 973 yards and finishing with more interceptions (8) than touchdown passes (6). However, he survived spring without a serious challenge. Joining Fohr and Hunter in the backfield is burly senior Andy Murray at fullback. Phil Logan, who had four catches for 59 yards, is the best of the returning wide receivers.

The best player on offense is probably senior tight end Charlie Darrington, who caught 26 passes for 365 yards. Playing alongside him is the Wildcats' top offensive lineman, Mark Pfeifer (6-7, 290), another all-SEC possibility. After them, the quality of the line dips dramatically. Guard Tony Mills (270) played in '87 but required shoulder surgery in the spring. There are no other experienced linemen.

"Right now," Claiborne admitted after spring training, "we have a shortage of SEC quality football players."

MISSISSIPPI

(3-8, 1-5) A year ago, expectations were high at Ole Miss. Nearly everyone tabbed the Rebels as a first-division team. Some even hinted that a championship run was possible. Reality set in almost immediately with a season-opening loss to Memphis State. By November, the Rebs had the worst overall record in the league and there was talk that head coach Billy Brewer had barely escaped with his job, especially after the Rebs yielded 127 points in their final three games. There were coaching changes made, though Brewer wasn't one of the unfortunates who lost a job.

This year's expectations have been lowered significantly. Brewer cites "staying healthy" as one of this season's most important goals. But with 14 starters back, Brewer has to be hoping for at least a slight improvement.

The Rebels' secondary is probably the strong spot, with cornerback Stevon Moore one of the SEC's best and sophomore Todd Sandroni a possible all-conference safety. Moore and Sandroni were 1-2 in the league in interceptions last year. Also returning are both tackles, Rodney Lowe (260) and Dan Wigley (265), nose guard Darryl Smith (245), and linebacker Lopaz Jones (230). Wesley Walls, who started at linebacker, has shifted to tight end. Cornerback Don Price was lost to academics and soph Chris Mitchell is expected to take his spot. Tony Bennett (233) has been moved from nose guard to linebacker to bolster that position.

The Rebs' best offensive player, flanker J. R. Ambrose, is gone, so scoring points may be even harder this season since there is no breakaway threat to replace him. Quarterback Mark Young, who threw for 1,490 yards as a junior, is back, as are Willie Green, a proven split end (36 catches), and five-game starter Bobby Martin at flanker. The running backs are solid Joe Mickles, back for a hardship fifth year after suffering a pinched nerve, and tailback Shawn Sykes, who gained 379 yards last season. Chuck Cleveland (320 yards) will challenge Mickles at fullback. The line must be replaced with the exception of center Dawson Prueett (260) and guard James King (275). Bubba Dickey, switched over from defense, may help at tackle.

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● One likes Tootsie Pops, the other tobacco. Rodney Peete is the Tootsie man, Troy Aikman—perish the thought—prefers a pinch of snuff between his cheek and gum. Aikman is an Oklahoma cowboy grudgingly gone urban, Peete a willing city slicker who's so smooth he's thinking of a career in broadcasting down the road.

While the styles are clearly different, there's also a lot that's the same about this seemingly odd couple. They're both senior quarterbacks and unquestioned leaders on what probably will be the best two teams in the Pacific 10. They play in the same city—Los Angeles—Peete at Southern California, Aikman at UCLA. And each is a prime contender for the 1988

Heisman Trophy. Barring injury, they could well be locked in a battle for college football's highest individual honor right down to their final regular-season game, against each other, November 19.

Peete has an edge in stability, if not in notoriety. He's been in L.A. three previous seasons, rather quietly employing his talents as passer, runner, and scrambler to post some impressive numbers. Quietly, that is, because quarterbacks rarely rate the spotlight at Southern Cal; tailbacks do. If you've forgotten, the school's previous Heisman winners—Mike Garrett, O.J. Simpson, Charles White, and Marcus Allen—all were tailbacks, and so were runners-up Anthony Davis and Ricky Bell.

Aikman has no such heritage to buck at UCLA. But he's a relative latecomer to Westwood, having arrived as a transfer only after he suffered a broken leg and broken dreams in two years at the University of Oklahoma. But there's no denying he made his presence on the West Coast felt in a hurry, ranking as the nation's most efficient passer most of last season. A pure passer, Aikman, who has the size (6-3½, 217), vision, and

poise for which the pros pay big money, connected on 178 of 273 attempts for 2,527 yards and 17 touchdowns in 1987. He was Superman against Arizona State, hitting 22 of 31 for 328 yards.

"We wouldn't want to send him back to Oklahoma," said his current coach, Terry Donahue, who was a bit surprised himself at how well Aikman acclimated to his new environment. "Barry Switzer told me Aikman was good," Donahue said, "and I trusted his judgment, but he didn't tell me he was *this* good." "I'm very happy and satisfied the way things have worked out at UCLA," said Aikman.

Rodney Peete is just as happy across town, and probably quite a bit busier. In addition to quarterbacking the football team, he's a third baseman on the baseball team, preaches to Christian audiences, gives speeches to kids on the dangers of drug abuse, and does various kinds of community service. Trojan coach Larry Smith says he wouldn't mind having him for a son. And he's grateful he has him as a field general. "He can hurt you with the run or the pass," Smith said. "He just has 'big play' written all over him."

Last season Peete, who's 6-2 and 195, was fourth in the country in passing efficiency, completing 197 of 332 passes for 2,709 yards and 21 touchdowns—all USC single-season records. And he used his 4.5 speed in the 40 to rush for 145 yards. His teammates call him "Sweet Peete," and it's not just because of his choice in candy. Like Aikman, he has a rare presence on a football field—not to mention a rare competitiveness. His mother, Edna, has said: "He always has been competitive, even in marbles when he was a little kid."

Still, Peete says, "I really didn't come to USC [after a stellar prep career in Arizona] thinking about winning the Heisman Trophy, because for so long quarterbacks here just pitched the ball to the tailbacks."

No more, of course. In USC's centennial season of football, Peete is center stage, just as Troy Aikman is, 15 miles away, now that star running back Gaston Green has moved on to the Los Angeles Rams. They're ready for a head-to-head Heisman struggle reminiscent of 1967, when O.J. Simpson was the Trojan horse and quarterback Gary Beban was directing Tommy Prothro's troops at UCLA. Beban won the trophy that year, but Simpson succeeded him in 1968. There will be no such double blessing this time, since both Aikman and Peete are in their final college seasons. May the better man win. Unless, of course, somebody like Jamelle Holieway, who stepped in at Oklahoma when Aikman was injured and stole his job, is better still.

Peete and Aikman, with more than a little help from their friends, should make it seem like the old days again in the Pac-10 this season: USC and UCLA No. 1 and 2, pretty much in either order. Washington, on tradition and Don James, is a good No. 3 behind them but after that it gets murky. Balance looks to be the watchword this time, with potentially impressive teams throughout the conference but enough question marks to make forecasting the rest of the pack troublesome. Arizona gets

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1. Southern California, 2. UCLA, 3. Washington, 4. Arizona, 5. Oregon, 6. California, 7. Stanford, 8. Arizona State, 9. Washington State, 10. Oregon State

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northern california athletic conference

1. UC-Davis, 2. Sonoma State, 3. Humboldt State, 4. Cal State Hayward, 5. San Francisco State



RODNEY PEETE
Southern Cal

a shaky nod as fourth-best, with Oregon, which made some noise last season, closing out the first division.

Utah State, not one of the basic household names in college football, looks as if it has an edge in the PCAA because of quarterback Brent Snyder, with Fresno State and a depleted San Jose State in the next two spots.

Portland State was a Division II power in 1987, should be again, and likely will win the Western Football Conference with ease.

pacific-10 conference

SOUTHERN CAL

One of Trojan coach Larry Smith's only complaints coming out of spring practice was that he was having trouble finding a backup quarterback to Heisman Trophy candidate Rodney Peete. See what a Pac-10 championship and a trip to the Rose Bowl will do for you?

Actually, the Trojans were only 8-4 in Smith's initial year in Los Angeles. But they won when it counted. They were 7-1 in conference play, and they were four points better than UCLA in a head-to-head showdown and

wound up in Pasadena on New Year's Day. The fact they lost there to Michigan State should not detract from the kind of season they had—the kind of season Larry Smith was hired away from Arizona to produce.

This one may or may not be better. The Pac-10 looks rock solid from top to almost bottom this season, and the Trojans also must face Oklahoma, Notre Dame, and Boston College. But they appear to have the horses to acquit themselves well even in that type of company. Peete is the major reason they'll be picked to finish among the country's best teams. As a junior, he set no fewer than 12 school career, season, and game records in passing and total offense, while ranking fourth in the country in passing efficiency. But there's more to this team than Peete, who skipped spring practice to play baseball.

On offense, there are tailback Steven Webster, the Pac-10 rushing champion with 1,109 yards; rugged fullback Leroy Holt, all-conference tight end Paul Green, leading receiver Erik Affholter (44 receptions), whose TD catch beat UCLA, and three starting linemen: guards Mark Tucker and Brent Parkinson and

tackle John Guerrero, another of those out-sized Trojan linemen at 6-4 and 310.

Bill Schultz, Mark Sager, and transfer Mike Petrini, all in the 6-5, 270 range, are involved in the unenviable job of trying to replace Dave Cadigan at the open tackle spot; Brad Leggett probably has the edge at center if he's recovered from a torn toe cartilage.

Flanker John Jackson (37 catches for 358 yards and 7 TDs) will open opposite Affholter, with Scott Lockwood or Ricky Ervins at tailback if Webster isn't ready after knee surgery, and Aaron Emanuel backing Holt, who had grade troubles in the spring.

On defense there are what could be a dominating front line of Tim Ryan, Dan Owens, and Don Gibson, plus three returning starters in the secondary: safeties Mark Carrier and Cleveland Colter (either or both of whom could be All-America) and cornerback Chris Hale. And in the kicking game there are four-year punter Chris Sperle and steady, left-footed place-kicker Quin Rodriguez (13 of 17 field goal attempts, 35 of 37 PATs).

Smith thinks his offense is behind where it was a year ago at this time but his defense is definitely ahead. "It could be our rock," he said. Ryan is yet another Trojan All-America candidate. He had 109 tackles in '87, 11 for losses, and 6 pass deflections and 4 fumble recoveries. And Owens and Gibson are plenty tough, too. Sophomore Scott Ross, who called defensive signals as a rookie, and Delmar Chesley should be the inside linebackers, with Craig Hartsuyker and Michael Williams or Junior Seau in place of the departed Marcus Cotton outside. Smith says Colter and Carrier "are the best safeties I've ever coached together." Ernest Spears and Dwayne Garner had such fine springs that one might oust Hale from the starting lineup.

TROY AIKMAN
UCLA

1988 all-west team

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Running back . . . Steven Webster . . . SR . . . Southern Cal
Running back . . . Steve Broussard . . . JR . . . Washington St.
Wide receiver . . . Derek Hill . . . SR . . . Arizona
Wide receiver . . . Kendal Smith . . . SR . . . Utah State
Wide receiver . . . Robb Thomas . . . SR . . . Oregon State
Tight end . . . Paul Green . . . SR . . . Southern Cal
Tackle . . . Dave Zawalston . . . SR . . . California
Tackle . . . Matt Fitts . . . SR . . . Cal State Fullerton
Guard . . . Mike Zandofsky . . . SR . . . Washington
Guard . . . Mike Utley . . . SR . . . Washington St.
Center . . . Joe Tofflemire . . . JR . . . Arizona
Place-kicker . . . Alfredo Velasco . . . JR . . . UCLA

defense

Line . . . Dana Wells . . . SR . . . Arizona
Line . . . Dennis Brown . . . JR . . . Washington
Line . . . Lester Archambeau . . . SR . . . Stanford
Line . . . Jim Wahler . . . SR . . . UCLA
Linebacker . . . Carnell Lake . . . SR . . . UCLA
Linebacker . . . David Ortega . . . JR . . . California
Linebacker . . . Tracy Rogers . . . SR . . . Fresno State
Back . . . Darryl Henley . . . SR . . . UCLA
Back . . . Jay Taylor . . . SR . . . San Jose State
Back . . . Ruben Harper . . . SR . . . Pacific
Back . . . Nathan LaDuke . . . SO . . . Arizona State
Punter . . . Tony Rhynes . . . JR . . . Nevada Las Vegas

"I know we'll be picked high," Smith said. "I know if we get everybody back that we have on paper, we could be quite a bit better than last year. And that, quite frankly, is our goal." An achievable goal, it would seem, if the Trojans can keep their key people healthy. And beat the Bruins again.

UCLA

The Bruins were 10-2 last season and hammered almost everybody, outscoring seven of their Pac-10 opponents, 296-106. But the only score that really mattered was 17-13, November 21 at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Crosstown rival USC had the 17 and went on to the Rose Bowl as conference champion. The Bruins, with an identical conference record of 7-1, went on to the Aloha Bowl and beat Florida. There's nothing to indicate this year's Southern Cal-UCLA game on November 19 won't have the same sort of importance.

Like the Trojans, the Bruins figure to be right at the top of the Pac-10 again. They have their own Heisman Trophy candidate at quarter-

back, All-America contenders sprinkled throughout the roster, lots of fine new talent, and one of the college game's best coaches in Terry Donahue. Despite some questions, expect this to be another top 10 team.

Explosive players like running back Gaston Green and receiver Willie "Flipper" Anderson are no longer around, but senior quarterback Troy Aikman figures to ably shoulder more of the load. He threw for 2,527 yards and 17 touchdowns in a brilliant junior season. His running backs will be senior Eric Ball, who could be terrific if he can stay healthy, sophomore Brian Brown (the team's second-leading rusher with 421 yards), and two new full-backs, sophomore Mark Estwick and man-sized redshirt freshman Kevin Smith (6-4, 252). Star freshman recruit Kevin Williams could have an immediate impact, too.

Wide receiver is a bit of a concern, since Anderson and Paco Craig are gone and Mike Farr has been sidelined by a cyst on his leg. The main hopes are Brendan McCracken, who's making the transition from quarterback, David Keating, and Reggie Moore. There may be no real problem, however, since Aikman can make all his receivers look good.

Three starters are gone from the offensive line but a bunch of talent remains. Tight end Charles Arbuckle, coming off knee surgery, has All-America ability, as does center Frank Cornish. Rick Meyer (6-6, 274) started all last season at guard, while sophomore Lance Zeno (6-4, 270) played considerably at the

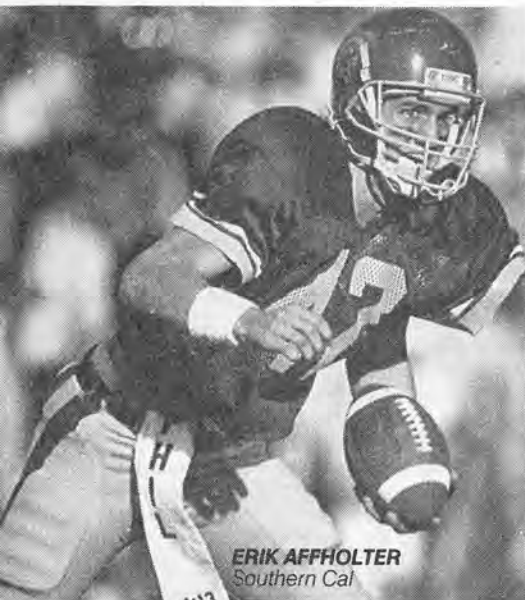
other guard. The tackles may be juniors Keith Jacobson and Bill Paige.

Four of Donahue's defensive starters return. Jim Wahler (6-4, 263) will shift from tackle to nose guard, to replace Terry Turney, with Mike Lodish and one of two sophomores, Stacey Elliott and Bryan Wilcox, at the tackles. Linebacker appears loaded, with Carnell Lake, who may be the fastest and finest outside 'backer in the country, Eric Smith (out last season with a bad back), Chance Johnson, Doug Kline, and Marcus Patton. Kline should replace '87 All-America Ken Norton.

Three starters have graduated from the secondary, but there should be better than adequate replacements here, too. Darryl Henley, who's outstanding in one-on-one coverage and makes the big play, is back at one corner, with Marcus Turner likely opposite him. The safeties will be youngsters: sophomore Eric Turner, who had 48 tackles and three interceptions as a reserve, and junior Mark McGill or redshirt freshman Matt Darby.

Place-kicker Alfredo Velasco enjoyed one of the finest seasons in Bruin history last year, with 20 of 24 field goals (19 of 19 from 44 yards and closer) and 48 of 49 PATs. Harold Barkate (41.7-yard average) enters his third season as the team's main punter, and junior Kirk Maggio again will handle the short stuff.

The Bruins will be attempting to do something no other college team has ever done: win a seventh consecutive bowl game. They might well try it in the Rose Bowl.



ERIK AFFHOLTER
Southern Cal



DAN OWENS



PAUL GREEN



RICKY ERVINS

WASHINGTON

Don James is just two shy of equaling former USC coach John McKay's Pac-10 record of 70 conference victories and should pass him with ease—particularly if his defense cooperates. There's not much doubt this should be another good Husky team, probably quite a bit better than the 7-4-1 squad that was third in the conference and went on to the Independence Bowl (Washington's ninth consecutive bowl appearance).

The offensive questions are at quarterback, where 6-4 junior Cary Conklin will replace Chris Chandler, and at wide receiver, where flanker Brian Slater (38 catches for 696 yards and 5 TDs) is the only man with appreciable experience. The running back corps is deep and talented. Tailback Vince Weathersby, coming off spring shoulder surgery, is the No. 5 rusher and all-purpose runner and No. 4 receiver in school history and Aaron Jenkins (668 yards rushing) and Tony Covington are a potent combination at fullback. Steve Jones, Greg Lewis, James Compton, and redshirt frosh Donald Jones will provide reserve strength.

The offensive line, as usual, is big and tough, with All-America candidate Mike Zandofsky (6-2½, 299) and converted tight end Scott Jones at tackles, Kelly John-Lewis (6-8, 304) and Brett Wiese (6-3, 280) at guards, Bern Brostek (6-2, 285) at center, and maybe sophomore Mark Kilpack in place of the injured Bill Ames at tight end.

James loses three starting linebackers (David Rill, Bo Yates, and Tom Erlandson) to graduation but retains size and plenty of speed. The biggest Husky defender, and probably the best, is 6-4, 302-pound junior tackle Dennis "Big Dawg" Brown, who had 19 tackles for loss last season. "He's just so big and strong he's very hard to block one-on-one," said James. Brown will work up front with ends Travis Richardson and Bob Willig and either Art Hunter or Jeff Kohlwe at middle guard, where Brian Habib will be missed. Martin Harrison, second on the team in tackles, will be at one linebacking spot, Greg Travis, Ricky Andrews, and maybe redshirt freshman Corey Brown at the others. The secondary, which led the Pac-10 a year ago, again should be strong. Le-Lo Lang and Art Malone will work the corners, with Darryl Hall and Eugene Burkhalter at safeties. One-time starter Tony Zackery, back after major knee surgery, will contribute, too.

The Huskies' kicking game went awry in '87, and with Brandy Brownlee gone, new men will get the call. Leading candidates at place-kicker are Channing Wyles and John McCallum. Transfer Troy McNair will challenge Eric Canton for the punting job.

James will have more speed at more positions than in '87, when his team was 4-3-1 and in third place in the Pac-10. His defense, notably, will be faster and—if linebacking concerns can be eased—just as good or better. So much depends on whether Conklin, who's in the tradition of tall and strong-armed Husky quarterbacks, can handle the offense in a style approximating Chandler, and whether untested receivers such as Andre Riley, J.D. Hill, James Sawyer and LaMar Mitchell can blossom. The guess is they will, and the Huskies, who could have been 9-3 or even 10-2 with a little luck and fewer injuries, will be right smack in the Pac-10 title chase again.

ARIZONA

The best thing the Wildcats have going for them this season is their schedule. They play six of their eight conference games at home—and one of the away games is at Oregon State. Dick Tomey likes what he sees of his team, too. "We'll be good," he said. "We have a good nucleus."

Tomey's first season in Tucson was a choppy 4-4-3 overall (2-3-3 and seventh place in the Pac-10), but he has three first-team all-conference picks—Joe Tofflemire, who may be the best college center in the country; wide receiver Derek "Thrill" Hill, and nose guard Dana Wells—to build around. Sophomore quarterback Ronald Veal, who stepped in and ran Tomey's complicated wishbone/run-and-shoot offense adeptly when transfer Bobby Watters was hurt early last season, is back. So is Watters. And they have plenty of help at the skill positions in running backs Art Greathouse (435 yards), Alonzo Washington, Reggie McGill, and Darryl Lewis and receivers Hill (45 catches for 798 yards), Melvin Smith, and redshirt Kip Lewis. But the line needs rebuilding except for Tofflemire, a 6-3, 266-pound junior. Rob Woods, a starter before being sidelined by a neck injury, and letterman Doug Penner may be at guards, with transfers Glenn Parker, Pete Russell, and Robert Flory and returnee Jim Warner vying at tackle. Transfer Marcus Lester may bloom at tight end, a forgotten position for the 'Cats last season.

Defensively, Tomey thinks he's solid up front with Wells (6-1, 261), the Morris Award winner as the Pac-10's top defensive lineman, and tackles Brad Henke and Reggie Gaddis, the team's most active lineman before he was hurt midway through the season. Outside linebacking looks strong, too, with the Singleton twins, Chris and Kevin, augmented by transfer Reggie Johnson. But some major restructuring is needed inside, where the top three players are gone. Sophomores Zeno Alexander and Darren Case, transfer Mike Parker, and talented freshman Marcel Wade are the main contenders. James DeBow was the steadiest player in the secondary last season, although he was overshadowed by the now-departed All-America Chuck Cecil, the league's Defensive Player of the Year. He'll start at corner or safety—wherever the need is greater—along with Durrell Jones and maybe sophomore Todd Burden and converted quarterback Jeff Hammerschmidt or Rich Groppenbacher.

Brett Holley turned into a solid punter in late '87, and Gary Coston was a second-team all-conference place-kicker as a freshman. Holley averaged 37.7 yards a kick; Coston hit 28 of 29 PATs and 15 field goals in 23 attempts.

This is one of a number of Pac-10 teams that could be anything from so-so to terrific. Tomey assumes he'll solve his problems in the offensive line, at inside linebacker, and in the secondary. He leans toward the terrific. The Arizona Stadium crowd certainly will help.

OREGON

The Ducks beat Washington and USC in the same year for the first time since 1971. They were ranked as high as 15th in the country after a 4-1 start. Despite the fact that they dropped off some, to 6-5 overall and 4-4 and tied for fifth in the Pac-10, they have plenty of weapons back: exciting young quarterback Bill Musgrave, top runners Derek Loville and Latin Berry, leading receiver Terry Obee, ace

kicker Kirk Dennis, and seven starters from a suddenly-improved defense that ranked fourth in the league. So the Ducks, after years of only muted quacking, may be about ready to make some real noise.

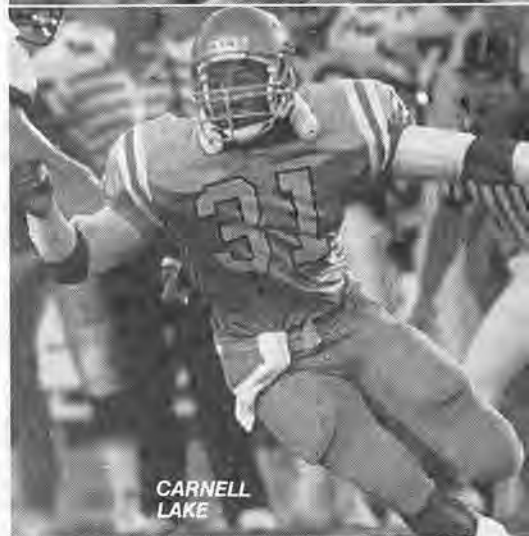
Musgrave was the nation's 13th-rated passer in 1987 and the top freshman in accuracy rankings, and he should be better, with able support from junior Pete Nelson. They'll be throwing to Obee (33 catches for 640 yards), Sam Archer, and sophomore Tony Hargain. Loville and Berry, the team's 1-2 rushers each of the last two seasons, gained 904 yards between them last year and scored 9 TDs despite injuries. Fullback Berry, at least, appears to have capable backups.

Rich Brooks's offensive line returns three starters: center Gary Gilbert and guards Chris Husko and Andy Sunia (5-11, 273). Todd Kunzman will move from guard to tackle to pair with Gary Robertson. The line star is Husko, who hasn't missed a starting assignment in two seasons.

Brooks scrapped his old defensive scheme going into last season and it worked wonders, but he has to replace two key men: all-conference selections Rollin Putzier at nose tackle and safety Anthony Newman. The top player back up front is end Matt Brock. Devin FitzPatrick should be at the other end, unless he moves to nose tackle with Joe Taylor taking over at end. Scott Kozak and Mike Blakey will be at the outside linebacking spots, with former walk-on Bjarne Jensen teamed with fear-



BRIAN BROWN
JCLA

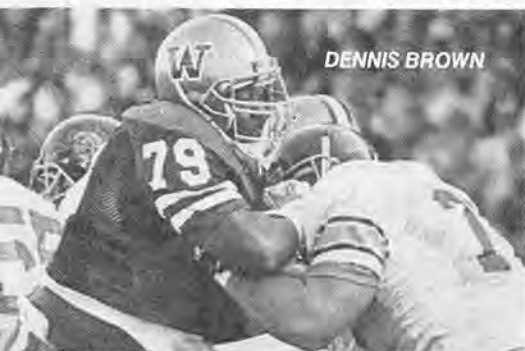


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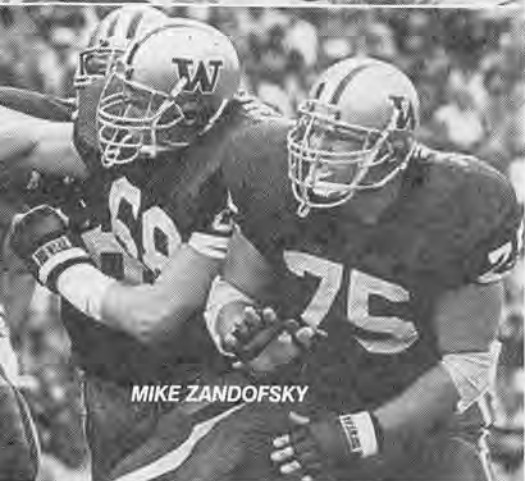
west less Mark Kearns (whose 97 tackles were second-best on the squad last season) inside.

Depth might be a problem in the secondary, where Newman, a second-round draft choice of the Los Angeles Rams, is a huge loss. Derek Horton should inherit Newman's job, with Thom Kaumeyer at free safety. Brett Young, who led the team with five interceptions and played more than 600 defensive downs, will be at one corner, with part-time starter Chris Oldman likely at the other.

Replacing punter Jan Cespedes will be either Marc Penso or Ted Milburn. Dennis hit 15 of 22 field-goal attempts and scored 66 points, the most ever in a season by an Oregon kicker. Brooks actually hopes Dennis has less impressive statistics this season. "One of the things that was disturbing was not scoring inside the 20-yard line," he said. "That led to the number of field goals we kicked. We need



DENNIS BROWN



MIKE ZANDOFSKY



AARON JENKINS

to see marked improvement in offensive production."

If Brooks can keep Musgrave, who was hurt during the team's midseason slump, healthy, he should get it. Otherwise, Brooks's only real concerns are in the secondary and at tight end, behind starter Joe Merteen. But after two straight winning seasons, Brooks isn't bragging, despite the bright prospects. After posting back-to-back winning records in 1979 and 1980, his Ducks finished 2-9.



VINCE WEATHERSBY
Washington

CALIFORNIA

Maybe it doesn't figure, coming off a 3-6-2 record (2-3-2 and eighth place in the Pac-10), but the Golden Bears are thinking big. They're thinking bowl. If they keep improving under second-year coach Bruce Snyder, if a key player doesn't go down, if there is better talent in reserve than there appears. If...

The Bears have a good deal of reason for hope. They return 20 starters from a team that was ranked as the nation's third-most-improved by *Football News*, and have an early schedule (Pacific, Oregon State, Kansas, a weakened San Jose State, and Washington State) that doesn't look too taxing. Last season, Cal was in third place in the Pac-10 until underrated quarterback Troy Taylor went down with a broken finger in the ninth game and the team went down and out.

Taylor is healthy now. The 6-4 junior threw for 2,081 yards and a school-record 18 TDs despite missing two games, and he has plenty of targets: starting wide receivers Mike Ford and Michael Smith, 1986 starters Vince Delgado and James Devers, who were out with injuries last season, and touted transfer Faasamala "Junior" Tagaloa, a JC All-America who will replace Brian Bedford at slotback, plus fine tight end Darryl Ingram (30 catches for 416 yards).

The situation is less clear elsewhere on offense. Tailback Chris Richards was the fifth-leading runner in the league (668 yards), but his durability is questionable. Fullback Todd Powers is a solid blocker and receiver but carried the ball only 18 times. The jury is out on the quality of the line, too, although four starters are back. The best man clearly is tackle Dave Zawatson (6-5, 270), a likely high pro draft choice. The other tackle is Stu McDerry, the guards Tony Smith and Steve An-

dersen, the center Robert Dos Remedios (6-3, 280). If Andersen and Dos Remedios play well, this could be a very tough group.

The Bear defense played efficiently late in the season and strength returns. Back up front are converted linebacker Joel Dickson, who had eight sacks in the last four games, Joe Nelms, Natu Tuatagaloa, and Majett Whiteside, one of the Pac-10's best nose guards for some time. Linebacker Ken Harvey has gone to the pros, but David "The Shark" Ortega, Steve Hendrickson, and Tim Hardin return at inside "backer, with sophomores DeWayne Odom and Anthony Grandison rating a slight edge outside, although they could be pushed by transfer Cornell Collier. John Hardy and Travis Oliver return at cornerback and Jeff Ebert at safety, but Snyder likely will opt for more speed at the safeties, with Dwayne Jones and Darrin Greer or transfer Doug Parrish.

All-America punter Scott Tabor will be difficult to replace, but former place-kicker Robbie Keen will try. Freshman Chris Noonan may get the place-kicking job. Snyder will put his best athletes on special teams.

STANFORD

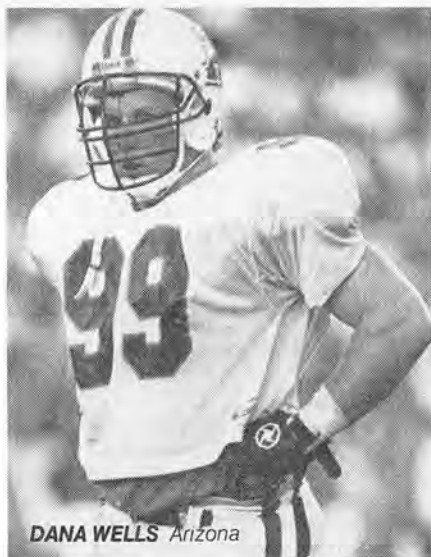
Nobody ever accused wily old Jack Elway of standing pat. Entering his fifth season on The Farm, he plans to experiment, at least, with the Run-and-Shoot offense. Coming off a mediocre season (5-6 overall, 4-4 and tied for fourth in the Pac-10) and minus some big weapons like running back Brad Muster and receiver Jeff James, it might not be a bad idea.

Junior Brian Johnson, who did fairly well as the Cardinal quarterback in the last seven games of the 1987 season (1,510 yards passing, 11 TDs, but 13 interceptions), likely will run things, and there are lots of quality receivers, led by 6-6 junior Ed McCaffrey (30 catches for 533 yards), speed burner Walter Batson, and tight end Jim Price. The running backs will be stumpy (5-7, 195) Jon Volpe (379 yards in six starts) and Charlie Young, who missed spring practice with a back injury, or maybe Scott Eschelman. They got some game experience last year because Muster was healthy enough to play only 22 of a possible 44 quarters.

The offensive line may well be the team's strength. Senior Andy Sinclair (6-3, 280) is one of the nation's premier centers, a definite All-America candidate. Starters Jon Summers and John Zentner (6-5, 282) return at tackles, Andy Papathanassiou and Chuck Gillingham at guards. Fifth-year seniors John Mahoney and Robbie Coffin are available, too.

In the defensive front, tackle Lester Archambeau is one of the fiercest pass rushers in college football and Ray Huckestein a tough nose guard. But the other tackle spot is wide open, with Scott Palmbush, Mark Hanson, and Steve Weber among the competitors. The inside linebackers are good. Kevin Richardson led the team in tackles with 113, and Jono Tunney was third with 91 and had five pass deflections. The outside linebackers are very good. Honors candidate Rob Hinkley (6-5, 240) is the leader, with Bruce Lang, Kevin Mescher, redshirt freshman Chuck Robinson, and David Daniels adding clout.

Alan Grant, Kevin Scott, and Brad Cook, all of whom have starting experience, and redshirt freshman Tuan Van Le make up a capable group at cornerback. Grant was the na-



DANA WELLS Arizona



BOBBY WATTERS



DEREK HILL

tion's leading punt returner in 1987 with a 16.5-yard average and Scott started the final eight games as a freshman. Both safeties—all-Pac-10 Brad Humphreys and Bruce Richardson—graduated. First shot at filling their spots will go to Rob Englehardt and Rick Theder, unless Mike Newton breaks in.

Sophomore John Hopkins, who hit 8 of 11 field-goal attempts before injuring a knee, will be the place-kicker, with Jeff Blaisdell at-

tempting to fill the shoes of Doug Robison, the school's all-time leading punter.

The 1987 Cardinal was more banged up than any team Elway has ever coached, which gave at least a few starting chances to several players who'll take over this season. Elway hopes that, along with a few new wrinkles, will mean a considerable improvement in the won-loss record.

ARIZONA STATE

The Sun Devils were 7-4-1 last season, 3-3-1 in the Pac-10, and beat Air Force in the Freedom Bowl. But they have perhaps the most serious personnel losses in the conference. They also lost a coach, John Cooper having moved on to Ohio State to replace Earle Bruce. So, while the cupboard certainly isn't bare for new coach Larry Marmie, the team's defensive coordinator for three seasons under Cooper, he may not be eating too many gourmet meals this time around, either.

Marmie lost some awesome talent in All-America guard Randall McDaniel and all-conference selections Shawn Patterson, Aaron Cox, Darryl Harris, Greg Clark, and Eric Allen. Most of them were high 1988 draft picks. Marmie's main tasks are finding depth on both lines, at wide receiver, and at inside linebacker. There's plenty of size in the offensive front, led by tackles Scott Kirby (6-6, 287) and Fedel Underwood (6-4, 299) and center Steve Spurling (6-2, 270). Scrambling to replace McDaniel and Todd Kalis at guards will be Doug Larson, Randy Jefferson, Scott Claypoole, and Tony Sherman. All three tight ends are back, led by Gary Knudson.

Senior Daniel Ford returns at quarterback, and he threw for 1,756 yards. But he also was intercepted 15 times, and needs to be much more consistent if the Sun Devils hope to finish in the Pac-10's upper echelon again. He won't have running backs Harris and Channing Williams to support him this time, but rather David Winsley, Victor Cahoon, Greg Rice, transfer Bruce Perkins (2,146 yards at Butler, Iowa CC), and Kirk Wendorf. There are only two proven receivers, too: Chris Garrett (20 catches for 248 yards) and Tony Johnson.

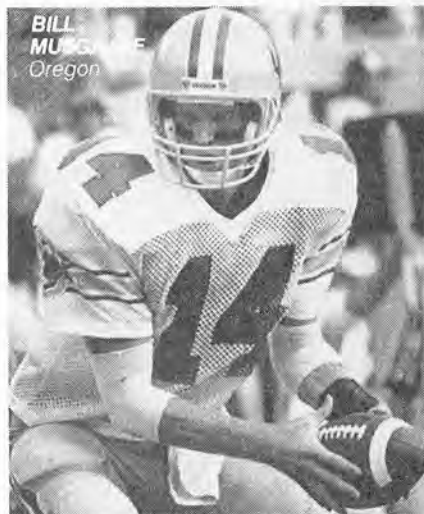
Missing from the defense along with those named earlier are tackle Trace Armstrong and linebacker Stacy Harvey. The only starter back in the line is end Saute Sapolu, who'll open with two former walk-ons, David Neumore (6-4, 270) and Greg Joelson. The heralded Richard Davis, who broke his elbow in the final 1987 preseason scrimmage, is at nose guard. Inside linebackers Drew Metcalf and Mark Tingstad should be fine, but there's very little experience after them. Rodney Dillard and Robby Boyd return at devil back and strong safety, respectively, and the rest of the secondary appears strong, with cornerbacks Eric Crawford and transfer Eddie Stokes—and beef is coming if Nathan LaDuke, who played brilliantly as a freshman, and Jeff Mahlstede have recovered from injuries that sidelined them in the spring.

The kicking game is first-rate, with punter Mike Schuh (42.7-yard average) and place-kicker Alan Zendejas (15 of 19 field goals, 30 of 31 PATs).

Marmie is a strict disciplinarian who relies on fundamentals and intensity to achieve his objectives. He may need all of that and more in his initial outing as coach in one of the country's most competitive conferences.

WASHINGTON STATE

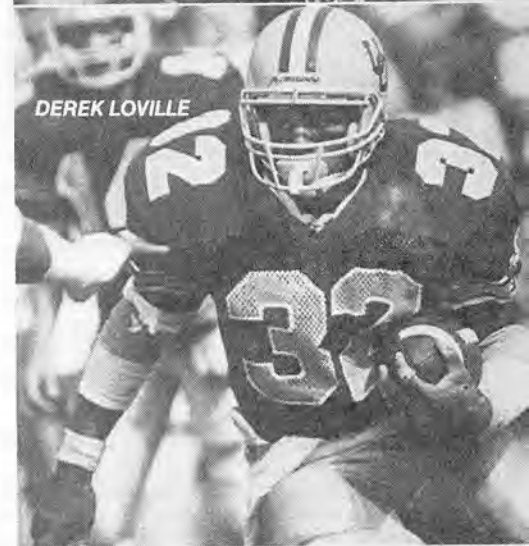
In his second season in Pullman, Dennis Erickson will have a lot more experience (18 returning starters, 40 of his top 46 players) and at least some modest hopes for improvement of the Cougars' second straight 3-7-1 record. He went into the spring with three main goals: finding a way to stop his team from beating itself, becoming sounder offensively, and giving up fewer big plays defensively. He appears to have enough firepower



BILL MUSGRAVE Oregon



MATT BROCK



DEREK LOVILLE

to alleviate the problems if not eliminate them, and the Cougars should be quite a lot tougher to handle than they were in 1987.

Junior quarterback Timm Rosenbach (2,743 yards passing) again will operate the offense, which will include talented, 5-7 running back Steve Broussard (team-high 59 receptions, 254 yards rushing), fullback Ed Tingstad, hurt much of last year, and no fewer than six veteran wide receivers, headed by 11-game starters Tim Stallworth (26 catches for 375 yards) and Victor Wood. Doug Well-sandt should replace Chris Leighton at tight end, with John Husby and honors candidate Chris Dyko at tackle, Jim Michalczyk and honorable mention All-America Mike Utley (6-7, 300) at guard, and Paul Wulff at center.

Cornerback James Hasty and linebacker Brian Forde are the only missing starters on defense, an area that was none too impressive as the Cougars went 1-5-1 and finished ninth in the Pac-10. A pair of honorable mention all-conference picks, Ivan Cook and Tony Savage (6-4, 274), will work on the right side of the line with Randy Gray and Tim Downing on the left. Tuineau Alipate, who led the squad with 147 tackles, will start again at middle line-backer, with two-year starter Maury Metcalf and senior Bob O'Neal alongside him. Cornerback Shawn Landrum and safeties Artie Holmes and Ronnie Lee likely will be joined by Vernon Todd in the secondary. Erickson also will have 1987 backups available at nine defensive positions.

"We'll be faster than we were last year," Erickson said. "I think we'll have fairly decent speed. And we'll have more depth. Because

TROY TAYLOR
California



of that I think we'll be better on special teams. We had problems in that area last fall."

Erickson, who'll be without his top ground gainer, running back Richard Calvin (822 yards), plans to call on Broussard to carry the ball more from a one-back set. But, as always, he'll likely rise or fall with his passing game: Air Erickson, as it was known in earlier stops at Idaho and Wyoming. No question the Cougars look quite a bit better, maybe even enough to avert another losing season, if not rise much in the Pac-10 standings.

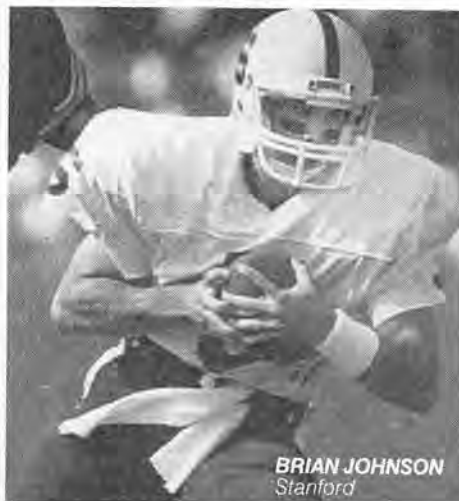
OREGON STATE

The sad story probably will continue in Corvallis this season. Going in, in fact, the Beavers look like the only team in the Pac10 without at least some kind of chance to cause real trouble. There just are too many concerns on both sides of the ball to expect much, if any, improvement off last season's 0-7 conference finish and 2-9 record overall. The Beavers weren't very physical last year, had major problems on defense, and didn't have much balance on offense, where they passed well, as Dave Kragthorpe teams usually do, but didn't run with corresponding skill.

They should pass well again, with transfers Nick Schichtle and Matt Booher spurring senior quarterback Eric Wilhelm (2,736 yards passing despite a late-season injury). There is a pair of fine receivers back in Robb Thomas (58 catches, second-best in the Pac-10, for 891 yards and 10 TDs) and tight end Phil Ross (56 for 625). Bryant Hill will be at split end. Tailback Brian Taylor rushed for 411 yards and was second in the league in all-purpose running (141.7 yards a game), but there wasn't much behind him last season. Kragthorpe is looking for better things from Trey Nicholson, Pat Chaffey, and Brian Swanson.

Three of five interior line starters, including pro draftees Dave Orndorff and Owen Hoo-ven, are gone, and the situation doesn't look too good up front. Returnees Ken Kiff at tackle and Kenny Felix at guard may be joined by guard Jeff Mori, tackle Mike Bailey, and sophomore center Dan Blus in a unit that is somewhat undersized by current Pac-10 standards. JC transfers likely will get a long look here in the early fall.

The defensive line has deficiencies, too, and a lack of depth. Inexperienced juniors Esera Tuaolo and Pellom McDaniels may start at the ends with Lance Jackson (6-4, 254) inside. Tom Vettrus (6-3, 254) will move to line-backer to take advantage of his speed. He'll team with another ex-lineman, Brent Mann, and with Mike Matthews and Jim Cureton, both of whom are in their fifth year. Kragthorpe has some worries about his secondary, too, despite the presence of safety Andre Harris, a hard hitter who was the team's top defensive player in '87, and veterans Don Odegard and Teddy Johnson. "We're a little young back there overall," Kragthorpe said. Johnson will move from corner to strong safety, with David Brannon likely replacing him.



BRIAN JOHNSON
Stanford

The kicking game may be the Beavers' best feature, with Troy Bussanich (21 of 22 PATs, 10 of 14 field-goal attempts) and Mark Bennett (40.1-yard average on punts in shared duty).

The numbers tell a lot. In their seven conference games in '87, the Beavers were out-scored, 271-88. It doesn't figure to get a lot prettier, although Kragthorpe says, "Our talent level has gradually gotten better in my three years here, and I think if we're more physical we can definitely be improved."

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UTAH STATE

The team that has the best quarterback usually wins the PCAA, and this season the Aggies appear to have the best quarterback: senior Brent Snyder, who was as good as San Jose State's celebrated Mike Perez at the end of last year, in the opinion of his coach, Chuck Shelton. Snyder, who passed for 2,887 yards, is second in the nation among returning quarterbacks in total offense.

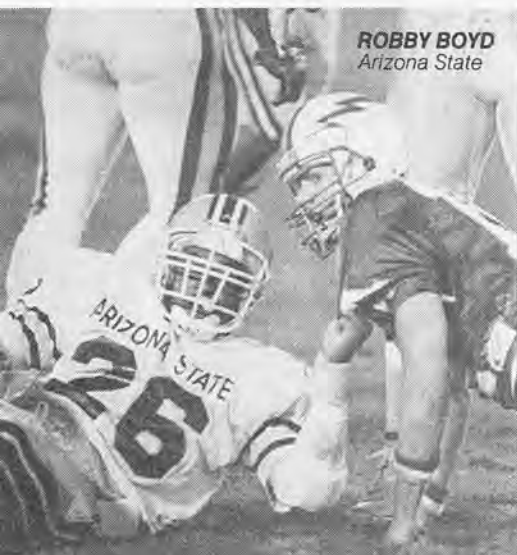
He'll be throwing to two fine receivers, All-America candidate Kendal Smith, a 5-9, 185-pound senior who averaged 6.09 catches a game last season, and Pat Newman. "I don't know how any player could be more important than Kendal Smith is to us," said Shelton. "He's a great pass catcher, he returns kickoffs and punts, and his all-purpose running totals are impressive, too."

Other offensive veterans in place for the Aggies are running back Brett Payne, guards Jerry Brown (6-5, 275) and David Walker (6-3, 270), and center Sid Roberts. That line trio could be the best inside group in the PCAA. The rest of the line may include tackles Dan Hill and Steve Osborne, backed by several JC transfers: Monte Ahlemeyer (6-3, 230) replaces the excellent tight end Petey Maiden. Fullback looks stronger, with Todd Richardson competing with Timo Tagaloa, who was injured last season.

The Aggies struggled defensively in 1987, but Shelton believes they'll be better. A key is how well senior tackle Brian Hunsaker (6-5, 245) recovers from a knee problem. Three other experienced players, Jeff Hunsaker, Drew McCandless, and Mark Egginton, will see a lot of action up front, where JC transfer Tony Brown (6-2, 263) and Todd Thornton



LESTER ARNOLD
UCLA



ROBBY BOYD
Arizona State



DANIEL FORD

may figure, too. Donald Miller, the leading tackler, is gone at one inside linebacking spot, but Kevin Bouwman returns, with Ton Hansen, Steve Davis, and Jim Otto outside.

Shelton calls the secondary "our biggest concern... we lost an awful lot of people." Shelton will build around cornerback Greg Haynes, who could be a stalwart, and soph safety Travis Clark. Both came on at the end of the season. Freshmen have a shot at the other two starting berths. The nation's 14th-best punter, Louie Aguiar (42.61 yards a kick) returns, but place-kicker Dene Garner graduat-

Anthony Williams, who got some experience last year, and Dwight Pickens, a star at El Camino JC; tackle Jeff Skidmore, and perhaps soph center Jim Rademann and soph Adrian Cooks or freshmen redshirt Eric Martin at fullback.

Back defensively from a team that was 6-5 overall, 4-3 and in a four-way tie for second in the PCAA, are nose guard Chuck McCutchen, rover Ron Cox, strong safety Tony Harris, and likely the team's best player, senior linebacker Tracy Rogers (6-2, 250), who was first-team all-PCAA and honorable mention All-America. Sweeney thinks Rogers has the talent to be a Butkus Award candidate this season. Transfers Willie Howard (6-3, 280), Terry Cook, and Anthony Hardaway should make an immediate impact in the line, with quick Garnett Fountain or Robert Nobles and Joe Gigantino at linebackers. Craig Bowens and perhaps Darrel Martin and J.D. Williams are the new men in the secondary, where four-year starter Rod Webster definitely will be missed. Sweeney is hopeful transfer Reggie Meredith blossoms quickly at a corner.

Kicker extraordinary Barry Belli's departure leaves a huge hole. Transfer Steve Loop may take over place-kicking duties, with transfer Miguel Padilla as the punter.

The Bulldogs lost 28 seniors—about half of whom moved on to the NFL. And the schedule, with games against San Jose State, Cal State Fullerton, and Nevada Las Vegas all on the road, is tough. But the Bulldogs, under the cagey Sweeney, have a proven program.

SAN JOSE STATE

The standard for excellence has been set: 20 wins in the last two seasons and back-to-back PCAA championships. Now all coach Claude Gilbert has to do is keep things going without the likes of Mike Perez, Guy Liggins, Kenny Jackson, James Saxon, Barry Kidney, Yepi Pauu, and all but five of last year's 22 starters. Good luck, Claude.

But the Spartan program, built on JC transfers, is used to rebuilding quickly, and this should be a respectable team, if down appreciably from the one that was 10-2 and a perfect 7-0 in league play. The key man offensively will be senior Ken Lutz, who moves up from No. 3 quarterback to No. 1. He'll work with a potentially fine group of receivers headed by

transfers Robert Lewis and Adrian Manns and returnees Scott Wells and Shawn Hodges. Big (6-3, 211) Johnny Johnson could be a star at tailback if he recovers from a fractured collarbone suffered in the spring, and Kevin Christensen should be a serviceable fullback. But all-PCAA tackle Scott Swall (6-3, 266) is the only holdover from last year's top five linemen, making this an area of primary concern. Soph Anthony Gallegos has some experience.

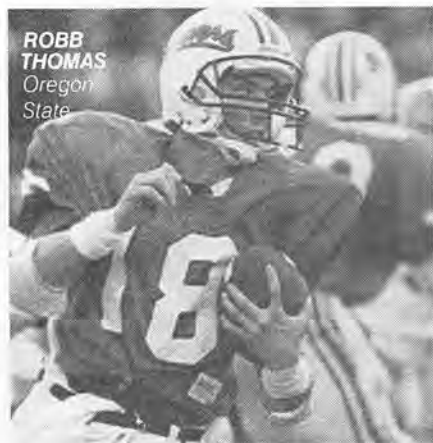
Redshirts Jim Kirk and Jim Hughes are expected to move in as place-kicker and punter.

Defensively, Gilbert has four returning starters, and the best two are in the secondary. Senior cornerback Jay Taylor, an honorable mention All-America, broke up 15 passes and scored twice on interceptions. Safety Ryan Rasnick is a two-time all-PCAA pick. Tim Jackson and John Coffee get first crack at the other secondary spots. Up front, Richard Johnson should join returning starter John Pukini (6-3, 234) at tackle with Stefen Guthrie (6-0, 259) at nose guard. There's a good deal of worry at linebacker, where only Norman Brown is back at one outside spot. Educated guesses on the other starters: Lloyd Forrest, trying to come back after an automobile accident, outside; two-year veteran David Knox and soph Mike Scialabba inside.

"I think we have a reasonably solid foundation," Gilbert said, "but we're so young and inexperienced, only time will tell."

CAL STATE FULLERTON

Gene Murphy thinks his defensive unit may be the best in Titan history, but offensively he has to replace his leading passer, runner, and re-



ROBB THOMAS
Oregon State

ed. Shelton will look to redshirts Russ Moody and Rusty Carlsen, who will compete for the spot along with the multitalented Aguiar.

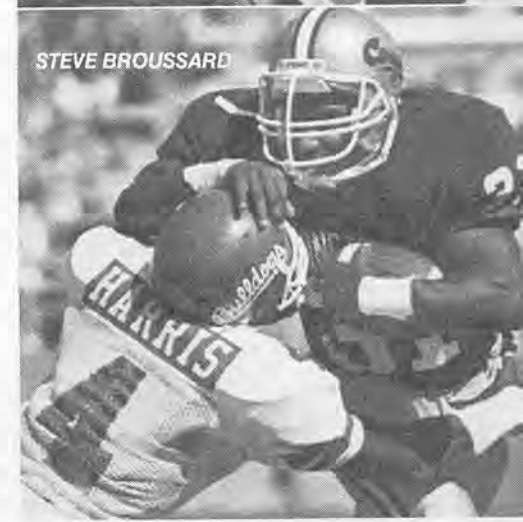
FRESNO STATE

Veteran Jim Sweeney will be coaching a lot of youngsters this season—more than he can ever remember. But it's a callow conference, for the most part, and the guess is Sweeney will figure out a way to have the kid Bulldogs up near the top, as usual.

He has three legs of a good offense (or should that be six legs?) in stumpy senior tailback Kelly Skipper (5-6, 180), who is fifth on the school's all-time rushing list with 1,580 yards; senior quarterback Dave Telford (2,589 yards passing in '87), and senior tight end Craig Jones. Back in the line are beefy guards Ray Langhain (6-4, 275) and Brent Pollock (6-4, 280) and tackle Jeff Truschel. The other offensive starters should be wide receivers



TIMM ROSENBACH
Washington State



STEVE BROUSSARD

ceiver/punt returner—all of whom won all-PCAA recognition—and the middle of his line. It's probably too much to expect the new troops, who'll be drawn heavily from the JC ranks, to do much about bettering a 6-6 record (4-3 and tied for third in the PCAA).

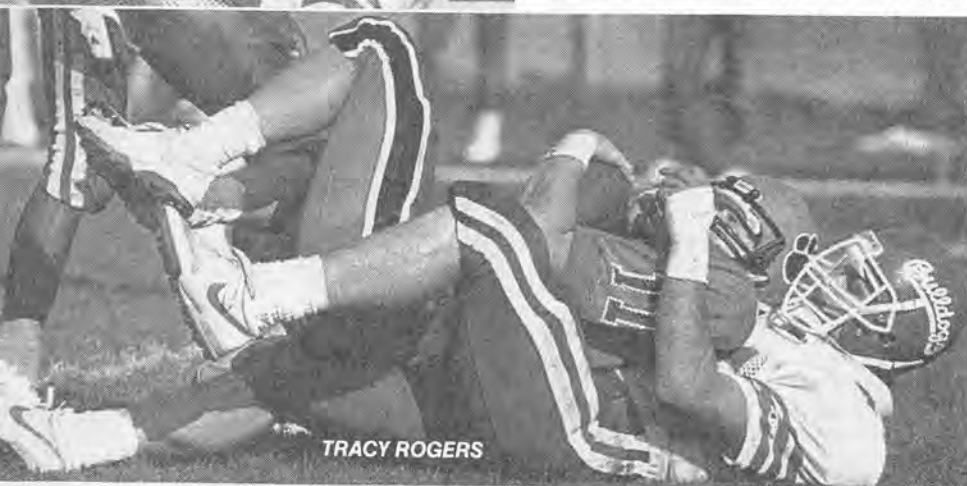
All-conference end A.J. Jenkins (6-3, 225), tackle Tommy Thompson, and nose guard Carlos Adley return to the defensive front, with Bill Bryan (6-2, 225), who's on pace to set the school record for tackles, supported by Joe Scott and Jeff Hipp at linebackers. The secondary starters—James Howard, Mike Schafel, and Chris Wright, who's rehabilitating a knee—all are back along with top reserves Sean "The Flea" Fernandes and Kevin Henderson. Murphy thinks Howard is in the class of Mark Collins, the former Titan defender who's now with the New York Giants.

The kicking corps is intact with punter Jim Sirois (school-record 192 punts for 7,613 yards in three seasons) and Stan Lambert (12 of 17 field goals, 29 of 32 PATs).

Which brings us to the offense, where Ronnie Barber, Todd White, Eric Franklin, Ed Gilles, and Jim Thornton all have departed. JC transfers to watch are quarterback Dan Speltz, an All-America at El Camino College, wide receiver Rocky Palamara, and tight end Buford Halton. The best offensive returnees are running back Michael Moore, who backed Franklin in '87; alternating fullbacks Tim Byrnes and William Robinson, flanker John Gibbs, and starting tackles Mike Oliver (6-6, 250) and Matt Fitts (6-4, 265), a senior who should be one of the top linemen in the West.



DAVE TELFORD
Fresno State



TRACY ROGERS

PACIFIC

The Tigers' defense looks tough, and if Bob Cope can put a little more variety in the offense, his team could be significantly improved from a 4-7 season in 1987 (3-4 and in sixth place in the PCAA). Cope will still run the wishbone as his basic offensive formation but will open up the attack some because he appears to have more weapons.

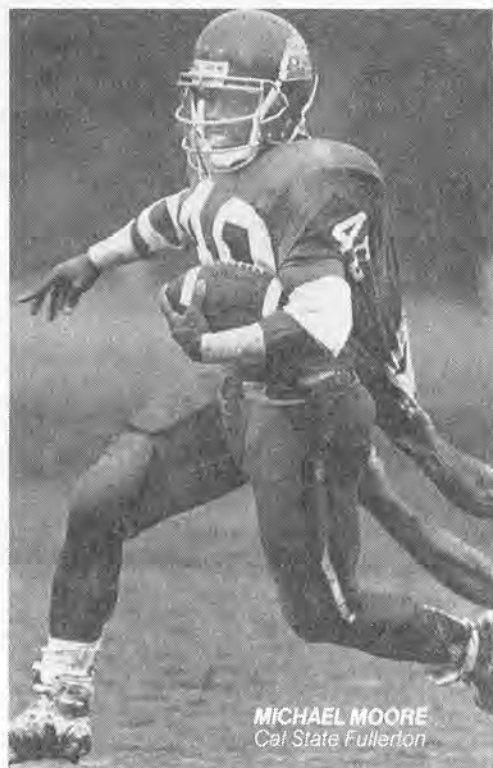
Either senior Jason Frost or sophomore Ron Beverly, both of whom started five games last season, will be at quarterback, with John Grim (345 yards rushing), ex-quarterback Rodney Powell, and Anthony Williams at running back. Doug Tackett and Troy Cole take over for Booker Guyton and Kennedy Bryant at wide receiver; Eric Miller, pushed by converted tackle Ted Diehl, is the tight end. The offensive line has two veterans, tackle Jeff Frazier and guard Brian Adams, on the left side, with Mike Thompson the likely center, Jamie Nott at right tackle, and perhaps monster-sized transfer Fred Clark (6-4, 350) at right guard, although redshirt freshman Bob Nordbeck will contest Clark.

The defensive line has nine men who figure to play considerably, led by Richard Harris (6-0, 225), a second-team, all-conference selection who had shoulder surgery in March. Others who figure prominently are Kendrick Brown, Dan Hampton, Mike Jones, and Steve Breeden. Mark Roberts is gone at one inside linebacking spot, where Mike Hawkins and Brent Reiderich are the likely starters, with returnee Mike McMaster and Mike Woznick or Rick Pembroke outside. The secondary has two second-team all-PCAA picks, corner Ruben Harper (team-high five interceptions) and safety Greg Koperek, with David Brown, Kevin O'Neal, and Ryan Blosssey.

Punter Brian Jones's 42.4-yard average was third-best in the PCAA; Mark Gran is a fine place-kicker.

NEVADA LAS VEGAS

Fullback Ickey Woods was the Rebels' offense last season, as well as the nation's leading rusher (1,658 yards). He is gone now. Which gives you a clue to the rebuilding job facing coach Wayne Nunnely in a season that includes goodies like a road game at Nebraska. Missing along with Woods are 12 starters and 25 lettermen, and there's great concern about lack of experience and depth on both sides of the ball for a team that was 5-6 overall and 4-3 and tied for second in the PCAA.



MICHAEL MOORE
Cal State Fullerton



MAURICIO GUTIERREZ
Long Beach State

The offensive line should be solid enough in the first unit, with tackle Pat Harden and guard Bill Operin, both second-team all-conference picks, tackle Dustin Quinton, muscular center Tony Peko, and tight end Cedric Davis, one of the West's best. But there's doubt at quarterback, where Scott Sims and Richard Williams, who's been injured since last midseason, again will battle for the No. 1 job; at running back, where Bernard Jackson or Darin Brightmon may team with Tommy Jackson (437 yards rushing); and at wide receiver, where there's no obvious heir to top pass catcher George Thomas.

The Rebels' major weapon is Tony Rhynes, the nation's second-leading punter in 1987 (43.7-yard average). Place-kicker Jim Cook had 72 points.

Defensively, Nunnely will go to a multiple package off a "50" alignment in hopes of cre-

ating a little more flexibility. But, as on offense, numbers could be a problem. There's just one consistent starter back, junior tackle Doc Wise (6-4, 280). Newcomers like transfers Keith Coleman, Mike Estes, John Foster, Lafayette Harper, and Avery Miller should be in the picture immediately at linebacker. Part-time starters Al Hemmans and Charles Anthony may be joined by transfers Kevin Harris and Tyrice Roderick in the secondary.

CAL STATE LONG BEACH

Injuries and other adversities dogged the 49ers in 1987, when they dropped their last four games en route to a 4-7 finish (2-5 and seventh place in the PCAA), and Larry Reisbig, in his second year as head coach, may be hard pressed to turn things around.

Again, much depends on quarterback Jeff Graham, who was supposed to throw less last season but ended up throwing 347 times for 2,427 yards when other offensive components broke down. Graham had just seven interceptions but also threw for only nine TDs. He has good targets in Derek Washington (52 catches for 782 yards) and soph Mark Seay and tight end Brian Wiss. Tailbacks Michael Roberts (543 yards rushing) and Brian Browning and fullback Lafayette Shelton (341) form a serviceable running corps. First-team all-PCAA center Mark Hollingshaus is gone, but there's some experience up front in tackles Dave McKinnon, Kevin Tabor, and Brian Smith and guards Brent Adams, Derrick Jinks, and Phil Wright. Scott Johnson and Keith Russell are vying for center.

Defensively, Reisbig has big holes to fill. Al Aikins and Mike McCauley have departed at ends, Nate Deaton at nose guard. Redshirts Blaine Wingle (6-0, 250) and Chuck Reep, both former offensive linemen, should move in at ends, but nose guard is unsettled. Phil Morrison, second-team all-PCAA, and Pat Quigley will be at outside linebackers, with Tom Caines and Mauricio Gutierrez (104 tackles), inside. Talented Stacey Alexander and Keith Jenkins will man the corners; Marc Tourville and either Leon Patterson or Kenneth Vinson will be the safeties.

David VanSteenkiste (11 of 12 field goals, 22 of 25 PATs) is a steady place-kicker, but punter Willie Lujan averaged only 37.2 yards.

NEW MEXICO STATE

The Aggies were outscored, 328-121, in another poor season (2-9 overall, 0-7 in the conference, where they were no closer than 16 points to any opponent). Still, third-year coach Mike Knoll sees some improvement.

His priority in the spring was doing something about an offense that only once in 1987 scored more than 17 points in a game. Junior Phil Vinson, who started eight games before dislocating a shoulder, or soph Mike Reneau, who filled in for him, likely will be at quarterback, with leading rusher Anthony Singleton (415 yards) and Bryan Love, hampered by injuries in '87, at running back. Larry Harriston (35 catches for 491 yards), Alvin Warren, and Bennie Thomas are the wide receivers and Voddie Baucham and David Benghe the tight ends. Knoll is looking for a leader on the offensive line, but has four veterans back: guards Andy Miller (6-5, 265) and Roger Turner (6-4, 255) and tackles Tony DeLorenzo and Nat Rogers. Soph Tracy Staats may take over for the departed Tony Adan at center.

Defensively, the Aggies lose seven starters, including all-conference linebacker Joe Campbell and lineman Mike Williams. Back are linebackers Sam Dickey (team-leading 118 tackles) and Carl Ditmars, nose tackle Scott Zowada, and cornerback Mike Hall. Knoll will be looking at several junior-college transfers on defense, too, headed by lineman Kirk Merhish (6-2, 240) and linebackers Brian Mosychuk, Joel Navarro, Steffon Gipson, Chappel Riggins, and Jim Williams. Darryl Ford, ineligible last season, should help.

The kicking game looks solid, with punter Gary Aldaz (38.3-yard average), soph place-kicker Rubin Rubio, and return specialist Warren (19.9-yard average).

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PORTLAND STATE

It's doubtful anyone can slow down the Vikings (11-2-1 last season and a perfect 6-0 in league play). Pokey Allen loses only three starters from a team that was sixth in Division II offense and second nationally in points allowed. Returning—among others—are quarterback Chris Crawford (3,091 yards passing, 65 percent completions), tight end Barry Naone (53 catches for 531 yards), wide receiver Tim Corrigan (45 for 848), halfback Curtis Delgado (1,046 yards rushing), offensive linemen Dave Swanson and Bill Duarte, defensive ends Anthony Spears (6-5, 255) and Brent Napierkowski (6-6, 280), tackle Ina Talaemotu, linebacker Kevin Woolfolk, and safety Joe Rodgers.

CAL POLY SAN LUIS OBISPO

The Mustangs opened 6-0 in 1987, their best start in 14 years, but faded to 7-3 overall and 3-3 and tied for third in the WFC. Second-year coach Lyle Setencich will work with 16 returning starters, topped by quarterback Tom Sullivan, (1,705 yards passing), running back Allen Survia (861 yards rushing), and linemen Eric Tautolo (6-5, 310) and Herb Smith, all seniors, on offense; and with junior lineman Tom Carey and senior corner Rene Oliver, a first-team all-conference pick who returned four interceptions 80 yards, on defense.

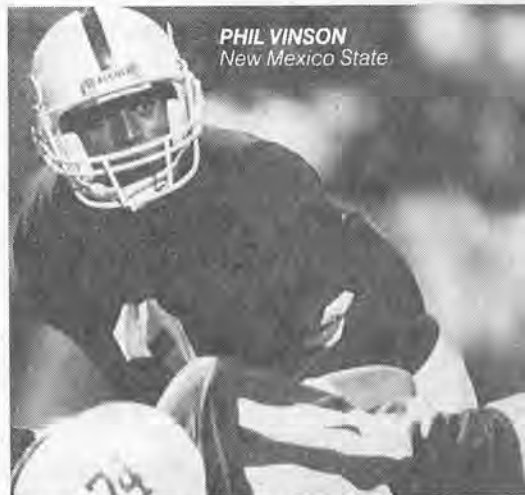
CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE

Bob Burt has to figure out a way to replace 10 defensive starters and three offensive linemen off a 7-4 team that was second in the conference. He should have plenty of offensive firepower in quarterback Rob Huffman (1,341

yards passing), running backs Albert Fann (822 yards rushing as a freshman) and Lance Harper, and wide receivers Keith Wright (26 receptions for 476 yards) and Bryan Kellen, back after an injury. Trent Jones was the third-leading punter in Division II in 1987. But the Matadors are minus defenders Dester Stowers, Mark Dozier, and Kip Dukes, all first-team all-WFC selections.

SACRAMENTO STATE

Injuries and inexperience led to a 4-7 record, the Hornets' first losing season in five years, but veteran coach Bob Mattos is looking for a return to form. He should have another top defense, led by 31-year-old nose tackle Ken Stinnett (6-5, 275), linebackers John Kilgariff, Rich Belanger, and 1986 starter Derek Stigerts, and safety Gary Lunsford. Quarterback



PHIL VINSON
New Mexico State



CHRIS CRAWFORD
Portland State



SHOLA ADEYEMO
UC-Davis

Drew Wyant will work with receivers Zeb Brye and Mark Young, ineligible last season, and with a quartet of mini backs, 5-9 Donald Hair, 5-8 Robert Ellis, 5-7 Donald Hines, and 5-9 Steve Buccelato.

SANTA CLARA

Injuries and four tough losses by a total of 15 points made for a disappointing season for the Broncos (6-5 overall, 3-3 and tied for third in the conference). They'll have to go without record-setting quarterback Greg Calcago this year. But coach Terry Malley does have 15 starters back along with 19 redshirts. Junior quarterback Matt Weber will work with tailback Paul Marcy (458 yards) and wide receiver Brian McKelligon (18.8 yards per reception) and veteran linemen Jim Davis, Brad Whalen, and Dave Williams. The defense loses Rob Uhrich and Joe Lynam but returns safeties Mike Williams and Dan Cusack.

SOUTHERN UTAH

Cohesion is first order of business for Jim Robinson, who not only has to replace half his team but five of seven assistant coaches after a 5-6 season (2-4 and tied for fourth in the WFC). The Thunderbirds plan to throw more with either redshirt Brad Mathews or transfer Steve Hutchings at quarterback. The other key offensive players are running backs Thane Marshall and Kyle Wilson, out last year, tight end Ron Clement, and guard Randy Bostic. The defense will be led by second-team all-WFC cornerback Dennis Wells, linemen Kale Au, Jeff Horne, Brian Vialauna, and Eric McKinney and strong safety David Hastings.

CAL LUTHERAN

Gone from a team that could win only once in six WFC starts are key performers like quarterback Tom Bonds, running back Tracy Downs, and defensive end Earl Bentancourt (23 sacks). So improvement might be difficult for Bob Shoup's Kingsmen. The strength of the offense should be linemen Mike Ecsedy, David Bean, and Pat Woolcott, tight end Ken Whitney, and wide receiver Shane Hawkins. Six starters are back on defense, topped by linebacker Torii Lehr and cornerback Brent Tunnell, both of whom Shoup thinks are pro prospects, along with transfer Whitney and newcomer Nicko Rising, a promising safety from junior college.

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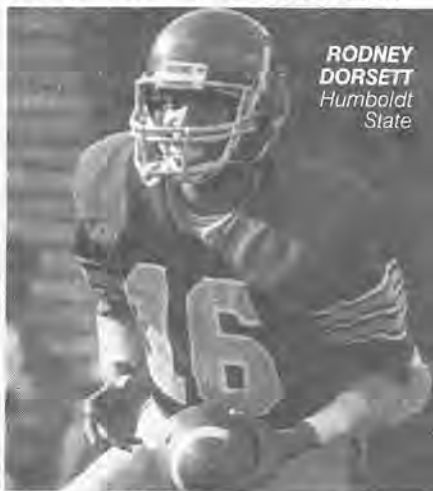
UC-DAVIS

(8-2, 5-0) The Aggies won their 17th straight NCAC title under coach Jim Sochor, but they have to find replacements for quarterback Todd Sloat and center Brian Jones on offense and for tackle Tim Lajcik and outside linebacker Jim Doughty on defense.

Replacing Sloat will be either Jeff Bridewell or redshirt freshman Mike Quinn. All the principal receivers return, including tight end Mike Wessel and wideout Jack Wildermuth. The Aggies' secret weapon could be split end Mike Sellar, though. An open-field threat, Sellar managed to catch 20 passes for 327 yards and 4 TDs despite being slowed by injuries in '87. The running game will once again be handled by Shola Adeyemo and Marty Morse. The line is deep in spite of the loss of Jones. Tackle Tom Price (6-6, 270) is expected to bounce back from shoulder problems that

sidelined him for the final eight games last season. Paul Shoemaker, Charlie Smith, and Joe Icono provide veteran experience. Juco transfer Gerry Gauer (6-4, 245) can play either guard or tackle.

Opposing offenses will once again face the conference's stingiest defense. Outside linebackers Steve Thompson and Matt Devine return to head the unit. The line returns only one starter, Cameron Boyer, but big things are expected from transfer Rodney O'Brine (6-3, 240). Outside linebacker Matt Devine holds the school's 200-meter dash record (21.38) and that combination of strength and speed should keep opponents busy. Jeff Frimmersdorf has experience. The secondary received a boost with the addition of transfer Mike Marchetti, who will team with three-year starter Mark Krieger. Bobby Detting, Mike Connors, Linton Hall, and Terry Hall are the corners.



RODNEY
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Humboldt
State

SONOMA STATE

(5-6, 2-3) Sonoma enjoyed its finest season since resuming play seven years ago and almost played .500 football before dropping its final four games. Second-year coach Marty Fine is confident the Cossacks will show even greater improvement in '88 as he welcomes 14 starters back.

He will have to find a replacement for quarterback Randy Lingle (2,133 yards and 18 touchdowns). Mike Abercrombie and Jim Garret will compete for the job. Offensive spark will be provided by wideout Lance Perry (38 catches, 699 yards, 8 TDs) and tailback Carl Saterfield (606 yards). Mike Francis (6-5, 300), Ron Phillips (6-3, 330), and Paul Theriault (6-2, 225) return to the line.

Leading the defensive charge is Dave Zuniga, who earned all-conference honors. Kevin Laine and Bill Hansen join him at linebacker. Oscar Woods (6-2, 251), Josefa To'o (6-0, 277), and John Healy (5-8, 225) are potential line starters. John Vanderstaay is a stickout in the secondary. He also handles the punting chores, averaging 38.5 yards a boot. James Crowe joins Vanderstaay in the backfield.

HUMBOLDT STATE

(3-7-1, 2-2-1) Humboldt State enjoyed its best season in six years, escaping the conference cellar for the first time since 1983 with a 2-2-1 third-place finish. Coach Mike Dolby has nurtured this unit, which may be ready to stage a challenge to the UC-Davis dynasty.

The offense should be dangerous since all-conference quarterback Rodney Dorsett and

backup William Williams return. They combined for a school-record 2,728 passing yards. Dorsett is a double threat as he rushed for 361 yards and scored one touchdown. He was replaced by Williams when his knee gave out, but the Jacks experienced no letdown. Tight end Dave Booth and fullback Paul Wienecke return. Booth caught 37 passes for 682 yards and 3 TDs. Wienecke grabbed 37 passes and scored four touchdowns on the ground while rushing for 441 yards.

The defense is led by Richard Ashe (6-3, 235). He had 45 tackles and four sacks and possesses blazing speed. Scotty Regan (6-5, 258) had five sacks as a freshman and 38 total tackles. Dolby is hoping for some contributions from redshirts Dave Harper and Jeff Boydston on the line and from Mark Dolby to assist Delano Doss in the secondary.

CAL STATE HAYWARD

(2-8, 2-3) After a great 1986 campaign that saw Hayward post a 7-3 record and third-place conference finish, the Pioneers fell to a disappointing 2-8, dropping a notch in the standings. With 16 starters back, the Pioneers hope to regain their winning form.

The offense will be directed by senior quarterback Rich Neugebauer. He didn't put the ball in the air very often (227 yards passing) but was successful on the ground (343 rushing yards). He'll look to hand off to the NCAC's second-leading rusher, Lamar Kirkland, who gained 604 yards on only 47 carries. Four starters return to the line, including all-conference tackle Dave Hill (6-3, 280).

The defense (eight starters back) was the worst in the league. Tackles Dane Cook (6-0, 250) and Chris Ramsey (5-10, 235) anchor the line. Middle linebacker William Misi had 59 tackles and two sacks. The secondary features all-conference safety Earl Butler, who as a sophomore recorded 89 tackles, four interceptions, and three fumble recoveries.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE

(0-4-1, 1-8-1) Coach Vic Rowan begins his 35th season as head coach and his main concerns are developing an offense (it managed to score only 97 points for the season) and strengthening a defense which allowed the opposition to score 245 points.

Rowan has in the past favored a pass-oriented offense but this year looks to infuse a more balanced attack. He'll rely upon Fred Sims and Marquette Shurelds to fill the holes left by departed all-conference back Willie Freeman and Disraeli Ellison. Vying for quarterback are Jim Rudy and Wes Warrecker. The primary receivers will be Henry Thomas and Tori Eva. Thomas led the Gators in receptions (20 for 219 yards) and Eva added 15 for 192 yards. All-NCAC Mark Riles (6-1, 250) anchors a line that also includes Barry Forsythe (6-0, 225), but they will have to do better than the 45 sacks they allowed in '87.

Cornerback Jesse Mims is the defensive standout. He earned all-conference honors, led the unit in tackles, intercepted two passes, and also was State's top kickoff and punt returner. Joining Mims in the secondary is Harry Anderson, Derrick Green, and Erik Lewis. All-NCAC honorable mention Chris Saxon heads a linebacking corps that includes Jose Castanon, Sterling Butts, and Kevin Montoya. Walt Celestain and Louis Rodgers (6-4, 305) anchor the line.

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● The 1988 Big Eight Conference race is expected to revolve around the operated knee of Oklahoma quarterback Jamelle Holieway. If Holieway is sufficiently recovered to play (questionable) and regains his marvelously elusive form (unlikely), Oklahoma should extend its latest string of conference championships to five. If Holieway is unable to play or is reinjured, Charles Thompson is probably capable of keeping the Sooners on top, even in a rebuilding year (13 Oklahoma seniors were selected in the NFL draft).

Thompson is the fastest quarterback to play at Oklahoma. He dazzled as a redshirt freshman in relief of Holieway in last year's blow-outs and as his starting replacement in the showdown victory at Nebraska. However, since the Sooners broke out of a three-year recession in 1984, none of their starting quarterbacks has survived the battering invited by the wishbone for an entire season. Thompson is the frailest wishbone operative the Sooners have had. They do not have another quarter-

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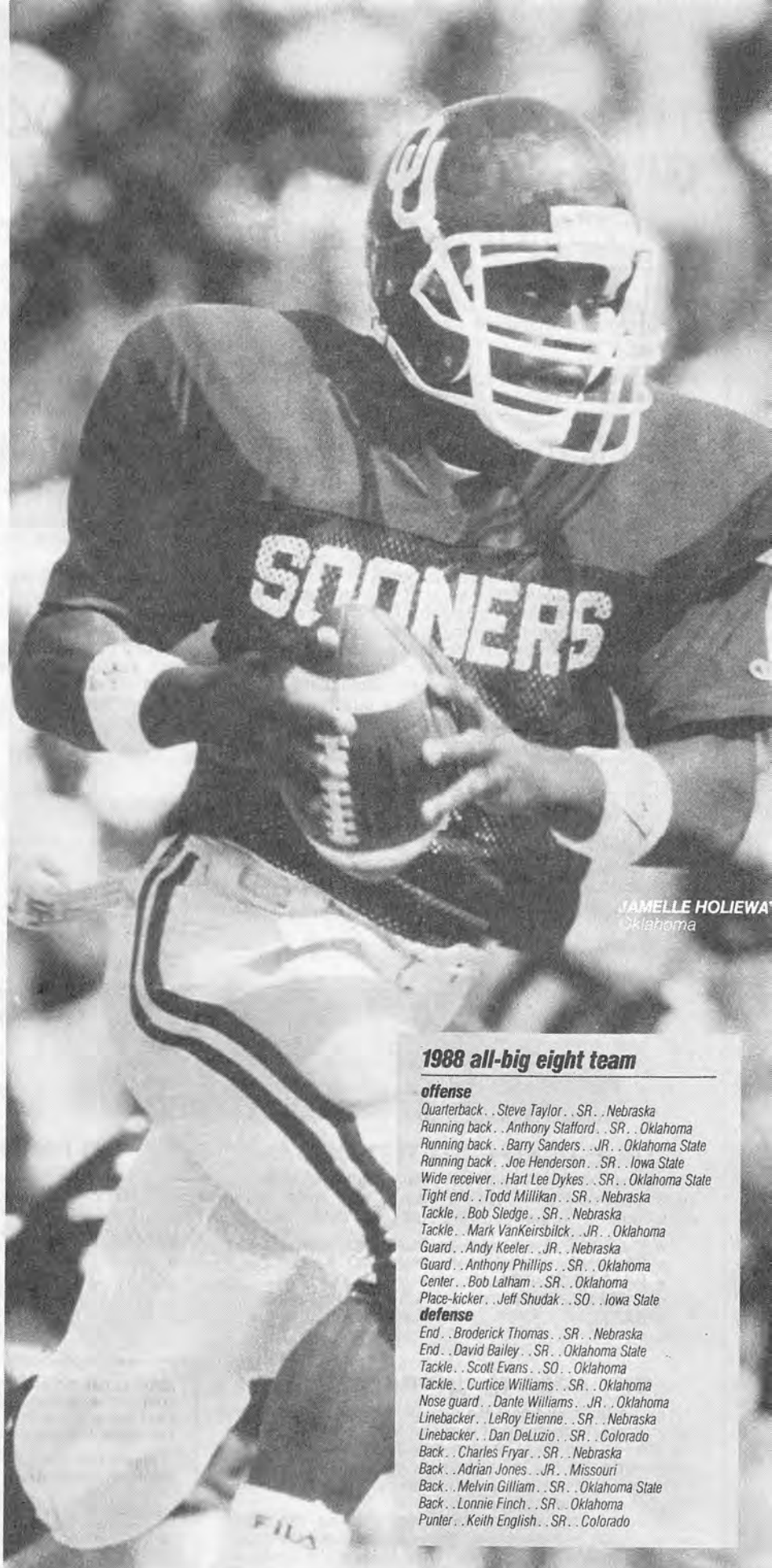
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1. Northern Iowa, 2. Western Illinois, 3. Southwest Missouri State, 4. Indiana State, 5. Eastern Illinois, 6. Southern Illinois, 7. Illinois State

back with championship ability. If Oklahoma reaches its season-ending shootout with Nebraska without Holieway and Thompson, the Cornhuskers should win their first Big Eight title since 1983.

Nebraska might be favored, regardless, if the Cornhuskers had a defensive line that was representative. They have an all-star quarterback in Steve Taylor, and he is healthy. Their running backs, receivers, offensive linemen, linebackers, and defensive backs equal or surpass those at Oklahoma. But their interior is green and suspect. That is a horrid handicap for a team facing Oklahoma's legions of flyers. Many tend to discount Nebraska because this year's showdown is at Norman. But three of the Cornhuskers' last four undisputed championships were achieved in years when they defeated Oklahoma in Norman (1971, 1981, and 1983). Another second-place finish might not keep Nebraska out of the Orange Bowl. Oklahoma is under NCAA investigation, supposedly for infractions that occurred after players were recruited. Traditionally, the NCAA does not ban schools from bowls for such violations, though.

Whatever, the race is expected to be confined to the super powers who have won or



JAMELLE HOLIEWAY
Oklahoma

1988 all-big eight team

offense

Quarterback . . . Steve Taylor . . . SR . . . Nebraska
Running back . . . Anthony Stafford . . . SR . . . Oklahoma
Running back . . . Barry Sanders . . . JR . . . Oklahoma State
Running back . . . Joe Henderson . . . SR . . . Iowa State
Wide receiver . . . Hart Lee Dykes . . . SR . . . Oklahoma State
Tight end . . . Todd Millikan . . . SR . . . Nebraska
Tackle . . . Bob Sledge . . . SR . . . Nebraska
Tackle . . . Mark VanKeirsbilck . . . JR . . . Oklahoma
Guard . . . Andy Keeler . . . JR . . . Nebraska
Guard . . . Anthony Phillips . . . SR . . . Oklahoma
Center . . . Bob Latham . . . SR . . . Oklahoma
Place-kicker . . . Jeff Shudak . . . SO . . . Iowa State

defense

End . . . Broderick Thomas . . . SR . . . Nebraska
End . . . David Bailey . . . SR . . . Oklahoma State
Tackle . . . Scott Evans . . . SO . . . Oklahoma
Tackle . . . Curtice Williams . . . SR . . . Oklahoma
Nose guard . . . Dante Williams . . . JR . . . Oklahoma
Linebacker . . . LeRoy Etienne . . . SR . . . Nebraska
Linebacker . . . Dan DeLuzio . . . SR . . . Colorado
Back . . . Charles Fryar . . . SR . . . Nebraska
Back . . . Adrian Jones . . . JR . . . Missouri
Back . . . Melvin Gilliam . . . SR . . . Oklahoma State
Back . . . Lonnie Finch . . . SR . . . Oklahoma
Punter . . . Keith English . . . SR . . . Colorado

shared 40 of the last 42 championships. Oklahoma and Nebraska have too many question marks (besides quarterback, Oklahoma has a rebuilt offensive line and an inexperienced defense) to be leading contenders for the national championship. But they still appear to be on a level beyond the other Big Eight members. Oklahoma State, also under NCAA investigation, figures to be the best of the rest, because of the best skill position players in the conference and an improved defense. Colorado and Missouri follow closely. Another level behind is Iowa State and at the bottom are Kansas and Kansas State.

While there is no hint of change at the top or bottom or in between in the standings, five teams made changes varying from style and terminology to coach. Oklahoma, stung by its passing futility in the national championship loss to Miami in the Orange Bowl, incorporated I-formation plays with its wishbone and vowed to pass better and more often. In addition to providing a better platform for passing, the I-formation will permit Oklahoma to exploit much-needed inside running from a raft of new, big backs and, thus, lighten the workhorse burden Holieway carried.

Broderick Thomas, an All-America, and the defensive ends at Nebraska will be called outside linebackers. Colorado will also incorporate the I-formation with its wishbone, in quest of improved passing. Kansas State will switch to a passing offense. Kansas made the biggest change of all by hiring the league's only new coach, Glen Mason.

If Holieway's knee, which buckled without being hit against Oklahoma State last November 7 and was operated on the following day, is not fit when preseason practice begins in August, he will be redshirted. He is racing the clock, according to the doctors. Running backs often require two years to recover fully from such a serious injury. The nature of Oklahoma's wishbone, requiring lateral cutting, compounds Holieway's task. Considered a Heisman Trophy contender at the time of his injury, Holieway admittedly loathes weightlifting. But he plunged into his rehabilitation with enthusiasm. If nothing else, the weightlifting program gave Holieway a stronger upper body and impressive biceps. He was on schedule when school was out and vowed to be ready in August. One factor in the Los Angeles native's motivation is the Sooners' September 24 game at Southern California in the L.A. Coliseum. It has been a red-letter date for Holieway since he enrolled at OU.

Barry Switzer, the nation's winningest active coach, thinks "We will be a pretty good offensive team again if we have a healthy quarterback." The offensive line will rebuild around a pair of all-Big Eight selections, guard Anthony Phillips and center Bob Latham. Halfback Anthony Stafford is the only returning starter among the running backs but fullback Leon Perry and two rookie halfbacks, Mike Gaddis and Rod Fisher, have all-star skills. The defense is green everywhere except in the interior, but two of the replacements, tackle Scott Evans and end James Goode, are envisioned to have superstar futures.

A factor that will enhance Oklahoma's chances to repeat is the shortage of topnotch defensive linemen and running backs throughout the conference. Nebraska has the Big Eight's only returning all-conference defender in Thomas and solid linebacking, fea-

turing LeRoy Etienne, to offset its deficiencies in the line. Taylor will have the benefit of the Cornhuskers' most experienced offensive line since they last won the championship, dynamic receivers in Dana Brinson and Richard Bell, and a deep cast of tailbacks led by Tyrrese Knox. Coach Tom Osborne laments depth, especially in the offensive line, but has "a feeling we could be pretty good if our defensive line does not crater."

Oklahoma State returns three conference category leaders in quarterback Mike Gundy, who led in total offense last year; split end Hart Lee Dykes, who led in receiving; and Barry Sanders, who led the nation in kickoff returns and was second in punt returns. He will add starting tailback to his duties this year. Coach Pat Jones's optimism over improving a defense that has been porous against every team except Oklahoma for two years is centered on a revamped line ("The most athletic group we've had since '85"). The key figure is David Bailey, moved from tackle, where he was considered too small, to end, where Jones thinks "he will be all-conference."

Bill McCartney, who decided to remain at Colorado after agreeing to become coach at SMU, counts on the return of linebacker Don DeLuzio, injured last season, and the development of ends Alfred Williams and Kanavis McGhee to help the Buffs retain their defensive fierceness. Quarterback Sal Aunese needs more help on offense.

Coach Woody Widenhofer thinks Missouri's defense will be the best of his regime because of a line that added junior-college transfer Meredith Johnson. The Tigers' wishbone has new running backs but is otherwise experienced and might be better if halfback Tony Van Zant shakes off injuries and justifies his ballyhooed recruitment three years ago.

Iowa State, the only team without a returning starter at quarterback, begins its second season under Jim Walden with a conference-high 17 starters, led by the all-Big Eight pair of running back Joe Henderson and wideout Dennis Ross. But a tender defense and an acute lack of depth may restrict improvement.

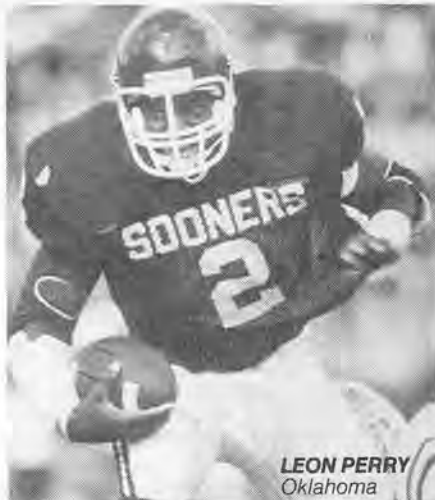
Coach Stan Parrish will turn to redshirt freshman quarterback Paul Watson "and let him put the ball in the air" in an attempt to break Kansas State's winless streak.

Mason stressed fundamentals in a shake-down spring at Kansas, but found little to encourage him. The Jayhawks have fine receiving, led by flanker Willie Vaughn, and a tireless tailback in Arnold Snell, but their defense is short of speed and their offense is essentially unchanged from the unit that was helpless against the Big Eight's five top teams.

There are fewer established stars in the Big Eight than in recent years. The qualified candidates for national honors are Thomas and Taylor of Nebraska, Phillips and Holieway of Oklahoma, and Dykes and Sanders of Oklahoma State. One who is not proven but about whom there is scant reservation is Colorado punter Keith English, whom Buffalo coaches feel will match the figures of All-America predecessor Barry Helton.

OKLAHOMA

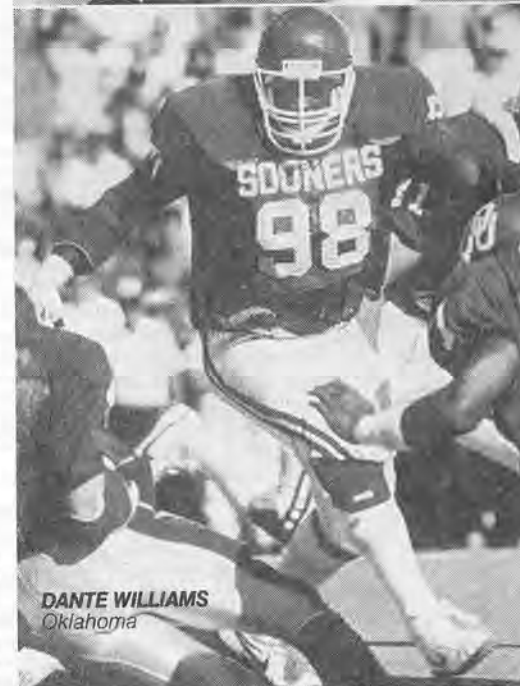
Besides the condition of quarterback Jamelle Holieway's operated knee and backup Charles Thompson's durability, a principal



LEON PERRY
Oklahoma



ANTHONY STAFFORD
Oklahoma



DANTE WILLIAMS
Oklahoma

big eight conference

concern of the Sooners (11-1, 7-0) is a defense that said good-bye to the last stars of a unit that repulsed every opponent except Miami the last three years. For the first time in five years, or when they were in the throes of a recession, the Sooners begin a season without an established standout on defense. For the first time during this period they do not have a great linebacker. They have new ends and three-fourths of a new secondary. Interestingly, the interior line is the only experienced area, and that is where the most highly-regarded newcomers play.

Tackle Curtice Williams (279), nose guard Dante Williams (275), linebacker Richard Dillon, and cornerback Lonnie Finch (188) are the only returning defensive starters. The best of those projected new starters are tackle Scott Evans (255) and end James Goode (230). Evans, a sophomore, was an alternate last year and is smaller than OU prefers for its tackles, but "I think he's going to be a dominant lineman," coach Barry Switzer said. Goode, also a soph, is coming off medical hardship, following knee surgery last year, and was redshirted as a freshman in 1986. "He has not played in a college game and been idle for two years, but everyone on our staff would be surprised if he does not become a great player," Switzer said.



STEVE TAYLOR
Nebraska

But the remainder of the replacements will not remind opponents of their predecessors. End Adrian Cooper and linebacker Kert Kaspar, backups last year, are the most seasoned. Cornerback Scott Garl and safeties Kevin Thompson and Ken McMichel join hold-over cornerback Lonnie Finch to complete a fragile secondary. Depth is so critical that incoming freshmen may become backups by default. The best group of defensive linemen Oklahoma has recruited in several years was muzzled by injuries in spring practice. The two who were expected to challenge for starting positions, tackles Tom Backles (275) and Stacey Dillard (275), should be healed and in the picture before the Sooners finish their non-conference schedule.

Despite four operated knees, in addition to Holieway's, and a rebuilt line, the offense has

fascinating possibilities. The running backs who will surround Holieway and/or Thompson might be the quickest and best overall of Switzer's regime. Halfback Anthony Stafford, the fastest player on the team, is the only returning starter among the backs. But fullback Leon Perry, sidelined last year by shoulder surgery, was a co-starter in 1986 and possesses all-star ability as a runner and blocker. If Eric Mitchel is not drafted for backup duty as quarterback, he and letterman Damon Stell will begin the season sharing time at right halfback. But one of four exceptional rookies is likely to wind up starting. Mike Gaddis was the rage of spring practice. Redshirt Rob Fisher inspired Switzer to call him "the best wish-bone halfback we've had since Billy Sims." Glen Bell the most highly recruited of the group, reports in August after being a Proposition 48 casualty. Ted Long is a versatile flyer whom the staff likened to the departed Patrick Collins. In addition, Rotnie Anderson, plagued by fumbles but the team's leader in per-carry



CHARLES
FRYAR
Nebraska



BRODERICK THOMAS
Nebraska

average the last two years, returns as a backup fullback. With the possible exception of Stell, all of these backs have home-run speed.

Center Bob Latham (265) is the only unquestioned starter in the offensive line. All-America guard Anthony Phillips (280) is coming off knee surgery. So is tackle Gary Bennett (272). Tackle Mark VanKeirsbluck (265) was

moved from center. Soph guard Terron Manning (280) was injured much of spring practice. While not on the level of last year, if healed this should develop into a solid line.

Duncan Parham, the backup tight end for two years, is coming off knee surgery and shoulder injuries. He will likely share time with Billy Dykes, a redshirt freshman who is a better receiver. Arthur Guess and Carl Cabbiness, who had a long-time knee problem corrected, assure first-class receiving at split end. Place-kicker R.D. Lashar and punter Todd Thompson provide competent kicking.

A nonconference shakedown of North Carolina, Arizona, Southern California, and Texas will tax the Sooners. If they go 4-0 against them, and keep a healthy quarterback all season, the Sooners may not be stopped by anyone, unless it is the NCAA.

NEBRASKA

(10-2, 6-1) The Cornhuskers' hopes of dethroning Oklahoma are clouded by a rebuilt defense line. Coach Tom Osborne has a deluxe cast of skill-position operatives, featuring quarterback Steve Taylor, an experienced offensive line, the best linebacking corps in the Big Eight, an improved secondary, and outstanding kickers. But a defensive line that was the Big Eight's best last year was depleted and the replacements do not approach the 1987 level.

"We have gone from having an outstanding group of defensive linemen to having only one lineman who could be called proven, and he's not very big," Osborne said. "This definitely is the biggest concern we have."

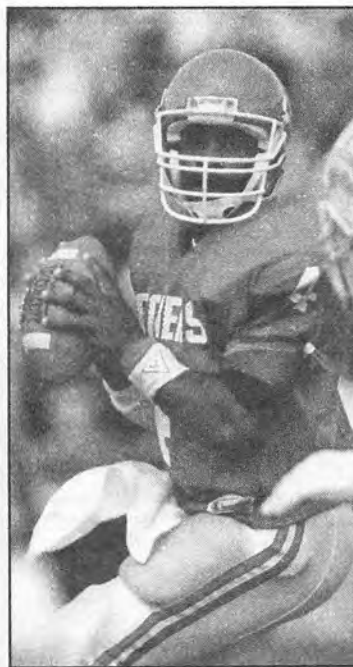
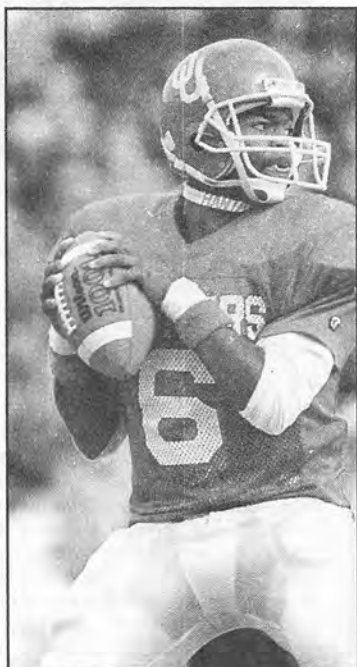
However, Nebraska's reservoir, as usual, is the deepest anywhere, with waves of redshirts and walk-ons always rolling in. The projected starters at tackle are big and have eight years in the system and three letters between them: Willie Griffin (275), a fifth-year senior, and Paul Brungardt (265), a third-year sophomore. Ray Valladao (255) is expected to challenge for a starting position in the fall. Nose guard Mike Murray (240) is the proven but light player Osborne referred to. Murray is exceptionally quick but is handicapped when playing opposite big, capable centers and his lack of size compromises the Cornhuskers' pass rush.

The remainder of Nebraska's defense should be the Big Eight's best. Broderick Thomas (240), whether he is called an end or outside linebacker, might be the nation's best at his position. Nebraska did not change its defensive scheme but rather its terminology, and the ends are now called outside linebackers. Jon Marco is the projected starter at the other outside position. Inside starters will be LeRoy Etienne, probably the Big Eight's best, and Pat Tyrance, a sophomore who had a smashing spring. Sure to play a lot is Randall Jobman, who finished spring practice ranked ahead of Etienne.

The secondary, which leaked against better passing teams last year, returns cornerbacks Charles Fryar and Lorenzo Hicks and free safety Mark Blazek. But cornerback Tahaun Lewis and free safety Tim Jackson may start, in a quest for more speed, and sophomore Reggie Cooper was a spring conversation topic when he took over at strong safety.

Offensively, the Cornhuskers return only five starters, but they possess the potential to be better than last year, when they averaged 34 points per game. There is Taylor, who

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passed for 902 yards and 13 touchdowns and was the team's No. 2 rusher with 659 yards and a 5.1 average. The Cornhuskers also have three capable tailbacks to reel in the slack left by Keith Jones's graduation, explosive receivers, and their most experienced line in four years. Although he had only a so-so spring, redshirt freshman Mickey Joseph has fascinating potential as Taylor's backup.

Tyreese Knox, remarkably strong and fast, has credentials as a two-year backup to document his ability (four 100-yard games, leading rusher in 1987 Sugar Bowl) as an effective tailback. But he missed most of spring practice and will have to compete with Ken Clark and Terry Rodgers, the son of 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rogers. Sam Schmidt and Bryan Carpenter, highly regarded for his running ability, will share time at fullback.

Wingback Dana Brinson one of the fastest players ever timed at Nebraska (4.37 in the 40), returns from injury and academic problems but will be hard pressed to regain his starting job from spring sensation Richard Bell. Morgan Gregory and Chip Bahe assure quality at split end, but they may have to make room for Nate Turner, a highly regarded redshirt freshman. Tight end Todd Millikan, assuming a troublesome pulled groin muscle heals, might be the Big Eight's best.

Tackle Bob Sledge (270), center Jake Young (260), and guard Andy Keeler (265) are returning starters in the line. The Nebraska coaches feel Young, a junior, has an All-America future. Tackle Doug Glaser (295) and guard John Nelson (260) complete the unit. "We think our starting line will be good, but we do not have the depth here we've enjoyed in the past, Osborne said."

Place-kicker Chris Drennan, perhaps the best in school history, and punter John Kroeker, coming off a sensational finish, comprise the Big Eight's best kicking tandem.

The Cornhuskers play Texas A&M in the Kickoff Classic and UCLA (on the road) and Arizona State in a challenging September. They used the 1983 Kickoff Classic as the launching pad for a 12-0 season. If their defensive line comes through, they might do the same thing this year.

OKLAHOMA STATE

Did a Division 1 team ever rank 88th nationally in defense and win 10 games? Legends Bear Bryant and Bob Neyland and traditionalists who march to a defensive credo might dismiss such a possibility. But the Sun Bowl champion Cowboys (10-2, 5-2) lived, and well, by an unconventional book last year. They made maximum use of an offense that ranked seventh nationally in scoring. They defeated four opponents who scored 27 or more points. All-America tailback Thurman Thomas, two-time rushing champion and offensive Player of the Year in the Big Eight, was the showcase figure in the prolific attack and many assumed his departure to the NFL's Buffalo Bills would plunge the Cowboys into a decline. But coach Pat Jones thinks there will be little, if any, falloff in OSU's offensive production or record.

One reason—three, really—is that the '87 Cowboys were not a one-man show. Complementing Thomas were quarterback Mike Gundy, who led the Big Eight in passing yardage and total offense; split end Hart Lee Dykes, who led the conference in pass recep-

tions for the second straight year; and Barry Sanders, who led the nation in kickoff returns and was second in punt returns. Another cause for Jones's optimism is the defense. It should be improved, perhaps significantly. Whatever erosion occurs on offense will be more than offset by an upgrading of the defense, said the coach.

Jones thinks Gundy rates "with the best quarterbacks in the country in production. I coached in an all-star game last year and I would not trade Gundy for any of the [1987] senior quarterbacks in that game." Dykes, who at 6-4 and 210 exploits his exceptional jumping ability to leap over cornerbacks for alley-oop receptions, is on most preseason All-America teams. Sanders has explosive quickness and speed that will continue to be utilized on kick and punt returns. To ensure his freshness, Sanders will share time at tailback with Mitch Nash. Jones said he thought OSU would miss Thomas's personality and leadership more than his 1,613 yards and 18 touchdowns. "I think Sanders and Nash, who is a



MIKE GUNDY
Oklahoma State

pretty good back, together will have about the same kind of stats as Thurman," Jones said.

Gundy, Dykes, Sanders, and returning fullback Garrett Limbrick will operate behind an experienced line. Returning starters are tackles Byron Woodard (300) and Jason Kidder (272), guard Chris Stanley (260), and center John Boisvert (250).

"Except at tight end, which is a concern, we can line up with people at every position on offense who have performed and performed well," Jones said. "Really, I think we can be about as good as we were last year."

Defensively, seven starters return. But the basis of Jones's optimism is tied to a lineman who did not start: Brandon Colbert (265), a sophomore Jones called "the first in-state lineman we've gone head-to-head with OU in recruiting and signed since I've been here." Colbert's insertion in the starting lineup allows Marcus Jones (245) to move from tackle to nose guard and David Bailey (240) from tackle to eagle end, the key position in OSU's scheme. Shaw Mackey (242), who made the game-saving tackle against West Virginia in an otherwise no-defense (35-33) Sun Bowl, moves into Bailey's slot. "This changes us from a quick, little line to a fairly big, quick



HART LEE DYKES
Oklahoma State

line," Jones said. "Bailey was too small to play tackle. But he's so quick that I expect him to be one of the league's better ends."

Linebacker Sim Drain, free safety Melvin Gilliam, and strong safety Rod Smith are the other returning starters. Two converts, former fullback Devin Jones and former strong safety Roderick Gains, are the ranking contenders at the other end. Bobby Raynor or Mike Abousie will probably be the other linebacker. Unsettled competition at cornerback is focused on Milton Cockrell, Chris Lowery, and juco Jason Juhl and Lamar McGriggs.

Place-kicker Cary Blanchard is among the Big Eight's best at his specialty. He may have to punt if someone does not surface among the freshman walk-ons.

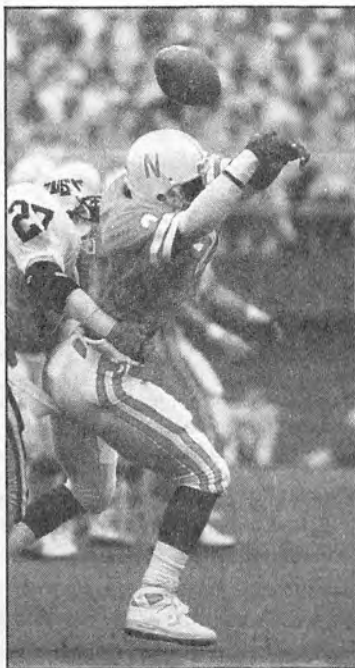
COLORADO

(7-4, 4-3) Two things never change in the spring for the Buffaloes: They tinker with their offense and the number of key players going on the disabled and suspended lists gets longer and more ominous. After finally getting their wishbone untracked and onto the national rushing charts (fourth), the Buffs, like Oklahoma, incorporated the I-formation into their scheme in spring practice and committed themselves to increase and improve their passing. They had to make the adjustment without starting quarterback Sal Aunese, who was suspended for disciplinary reasons. Highly regarded backup Marc Walters, who might have been the starter last year but for a knee injury, tore up his other knee and may be sidelined for a second straight year. Walk-on Charles Johnson earned a scholarship with his spring work as an emergency starter.

Aunese, who is scheduled to return and reclaim his position in the fall, led the Buffs in rushing, but no other Colorado running back ranked among the Big Eight's top 15. "We didn't get the ball to our halfbacks as much as we wanted," coach Bill McCartney said in explaining the reason for adding the I-formation element. "We think this will give us a better chance to give our halfbacks more opportunities. . . . I am encouraged about our chance to have a more versatile offense."

Fullback Anthony Weatherspoon, Colorado's No. 2 rusher in 1986 and sidelined last

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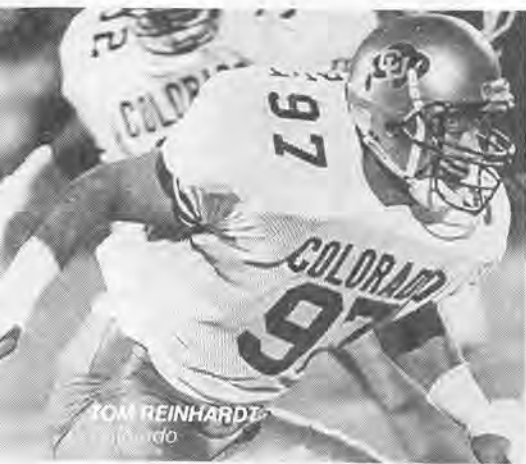
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year by injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident, was dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons. So was cornerback William Harvey. Defensive tackle Cole Hayes (265) and strong safety Sam Sutherland (200) were suspended for the first two weeks of spring practice but were allowed to return and will contend for starting duty. Despite those distractions and having to replace a splendid secondary and All-America punter Barry Helton, McCartney expects his seventh team to be on the same level as it was last year, when the Buffs felt they were snubbed by not being selected to play in a bowl.



TOM REINHARDT
Colorado

Returning starters on offense are halfbacks J.J. Flannigan and Eric Bieniemy and fullback Erich Kissick, guards Darrin Muilenburg (280) and Joe Garten (270), and center Erik Nordgard (270). Soph tackle Mark Vander Poel (6-8, 286) is considered a future star. Tight end John Perak and split end Jo Jo Collins complete the starting lineup.

The defense features ends Alfred Williams (225) and Kanavis McGhee (230) and nose guard Tom Reinhardt (235). Don DeLuzio, considered an all-Big Eight candidate before a broken leg and knee surgery caused him to miss last season, returns to join Michael Jones at inside linebacker. Arthur Walker, a returning starter, and Ariel Solomon are the tackles. Bruce Young, an All-America junior-college transfer, is expected to continue a high tradition at free safety. Cornerbacks Dave McCloughan and Keith Pontiflet and Sutherland join Young in a new secondary.

A bigger surprise in Colorado's projections is punter Keith English, Helton's backup for two years. The Buffs expect English, who had a sensational spring, to not only fill Helton's shoes but also contend for All-America.

MISSOURI

(5-6, 3-4) The Tigers expect to continue the gradual but steady improvement they made in their last two seasons under Woody Widenhofer. Their defense is finally expected to approach the level the defensive-minded Widenhofer projected and their wishbone has a seasoned quarterback plus several running backs of promise.

Quarterback John Stollenwerck, who unexpectedly became the starter last year, held off spring challenges by redshirt freshmen Skip Leach and Brad Fitzmaurice. Leach was the more heralded of the two when recruited, but Fitzmaurice was the MVP in the spring game.

Whether the wily but less talented Stollenwerck will remain No. 1 is uncertain.

Widenhofer likes the Tigers' potential, partly because of speed and depth at halfback. The celebrated Tony Van Zant and Sean Moore were supposed to start, but Smiley Elmore, who played sparingly last year after transferring from Wichita State, and Jim White, a walk-on, were the standouts of spring practice. Michael Jones and Chris Hall are also highly regarded. Tommie Stowers ranks among the Big Eight's better fullbacks.

Center Curtis Wilson (273) is the ace in an offensive line that returns tackle Carl Bax (275), guard Chris Lowe (276), and tight end Tim Bruton. Split end Craig Lammers also is back. Guard Rob Dryden, the biggest player (6-9, 341) in the Big Eight, and tackle Andy Lock (237) are scheduled to fill the line's only two vacancies.

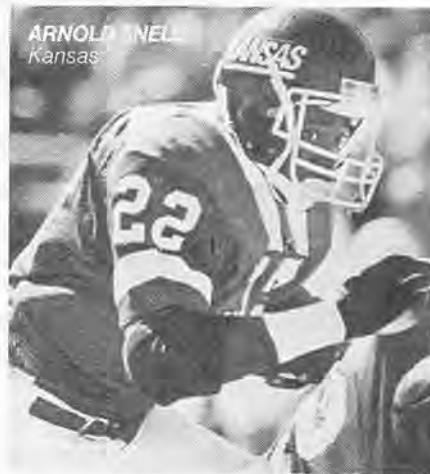
The defensive line is the Big Eight's largest. Ends Steve Vandegrift (277), one of five starters returning on defense, and Lee Johnson (273) and tackle Kevin White (263) will be joined by Meredith Johnson (288), a junior-college transfer. Widenhofer calls "the best lineman we've had since I've been here." In Missouri's 4-3 alignment, the linebackers have considerable responsibilities, and Widenhofer thinks Darren MacDonald, A. J. Miller, and Mike Logan "have a chance to make a lot of plays." Cornerback Adrian Jones is one of the conference's best at his position. Cornerback Pat Ray is the second-

production from running back Edwin Jones will lighten the load on Henderson, who carried 262 times en route to 1,232 yards. Ross, No. 2 in conference receptions with 53, flanker Eddie Brown, and tight end Mike Busch comprise a capable receiving cast. The line does not have an all-star candidate but returns four starters: tackles Ben Mitchell (297) and Gene Williams (307), guard Trent Van Hoosen (230), and center David Heyn (252).

All-conference place-kicker Jeff Shudak returns, along with Judge Johnston, whose unbecoming average of 36 yards is the second-best among returning punters in the league.



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KANSAS STATE

(0-10-1, 0-6-1) The Wildcats will attempt to vacate the cellar, which they shared with Kansas, by embracing a passing offense, the favorite policy of third-year coach Stan Parrish in his previous jobs. His decision to abandon a conservative running attack was influenced by two factors: The Wildcats scored two touchdowns or fewer in nine games last year, and the presence of quarterback Paul Watson, a redshirt freshman who passed for more than 5,000 yards and 52 touchdowns in a schoolboy career.

Watson dislodged last year's starter, Gary Swim. He will be surrounded by running backs and receivers who are almost as inexperienced as he is. Tailback Maurice Henry and fullback Lee Pickett are but three rookies; fullback Curtis Madden and tailbacks L. C. Timms and Antoine Dulan will press them. Two seniors with minimal playing time, Lawrence Tolbert and Darrell Wyatt, are scheduled to be the wideouts.

A veteran offensive line is led by tackle Russ Stange (260). Other returning starters are guard Eric Zabelin (275), tackle Will McCain (260), and center Chad Faulkner (270). Russ Campbell is the tight end.

A defense that permitted 38 points per game returns five starters, the best of whom is strong safety Erick Harper. The others are tackle Jim Oehm (245), nose guard Bobby Lawrence (240), inside linebacker Lorne Whitte, and cornerbacks Tyrese Herds and Marcus Miller. Lettermen who are projected to complete the lineup are tackle Doug Blackburn, outside linebackers Alan Smith and Jeff Lowe, inside linebacker Vantz Singletary, and free safety Robert Easterwood.

Place-kicker Mark Porter returns, as do punters Shane Pouch and David Kruger, but Parrish hopes a freshman will beat them out.

dary's other returning starter. Harry Colon and Charles Murphy are expected to start at strong and free safety, respectively.

Mark Plunkett is the leading contender to fill place-kicking and punting voids.

IOWA STATE

(3-8, 2-5) The Cyclones impressed with the manner in which their short-handed troops (weakened by an NCAA probation) competed in their first year under Jim Walden. Tactically and emotionally, they forced opponents to beat them; they did not beat themselves.

They should be improved. Eight starters, including the all-Big Eight pair of running back Joe Henderson and wideout Dennis Ross, return on offense. But the key to improvement will not be on campus until autumn. That is when quarterback Bret Oberg is scheduled to arrive and perhaps win a starting job from Derek DeGennaro, last year's backup.

Walden hopes improved passing and more

Punting (31.2) was one of the weakest areas of a poor team last year.

KANSAS

First-year coach Glen Mason, 12-10 in two years at Kent State, introduced the Jayhawks (1-9-1, 0-6-1) to a rugged, disciplinary system. "I think we made some improvement," was the extent of Mason's post-spring practice comment. An intention to consider installing the wishbone was scratched as soon as Mason and his aides evaluated the running backs. They settled on a multi-scheme with the option, split backs, and I-formation.

As sobering as the inheritance on offense is, it appears to be stronger than the defense. Returning are tailback Arnold Snell, who was 11th in Big Eight rushing last year and is 14th in career rushing and receiving at KU; quarterback Kelly Donohoe, who started six games last year and was left with scant competition when the other part-time starter, Kevin Verdugo, quit; flanker Willie Vaughn, eighth in the conference in receptions; center Chip Budde (260), who missed most of spring practice because of an injury; and guard Jay Allen (260), who was moved to center and is listed No. 1, ahead of Budde.

Guard Dave Gratten (250), tackles Bill Hundedt (270) and Chris Nielsen (285), fullback Roger Robben, and split end Quintin Smith are other projected starters on offense. Tailback Frank Hatchett impressed Mason and may challenge Snell.

Mason tried to upgrade a defense that

yielded 35 points or more to six opponents. He moved Lance Flachsbarth from quarterback to outside linebacker and Wolf Blaser from tight end to tackle. Cornerback Rodney Harris and linebacker Curtis Moore were the only holdover starters, among five, to hold their jobs. Walk-on Mike Whittiker is the ranking nose guard. Other newcomers expected to start are outside linebacker Rich Clayton, inside linebacker Tony Barker, strong safety Jason Priest, and cornerback Peda Samuel.

In comparison with the remainder of the team, place-kicker Louis Klemp and punter John Brehm (41.7) look outstanding.

TULSA

Tulsa's fifth-year seniors will in 1988 play for their fourth head coach. Dave Rader became the nation's youngest head man in Division I when he was elevated from assistant one day before his 31st birthday, the same day George Henshaw resigned to become offensive line coach of the Denver Broncos. The preceding year, Wisconsin hired Don Morton, who was hired by Tulsa in 1985 when John Cooper went to Arizona State. The 1985 freshmen, this year's fourth-year seniors, were recruited by but not coached by Cooper.

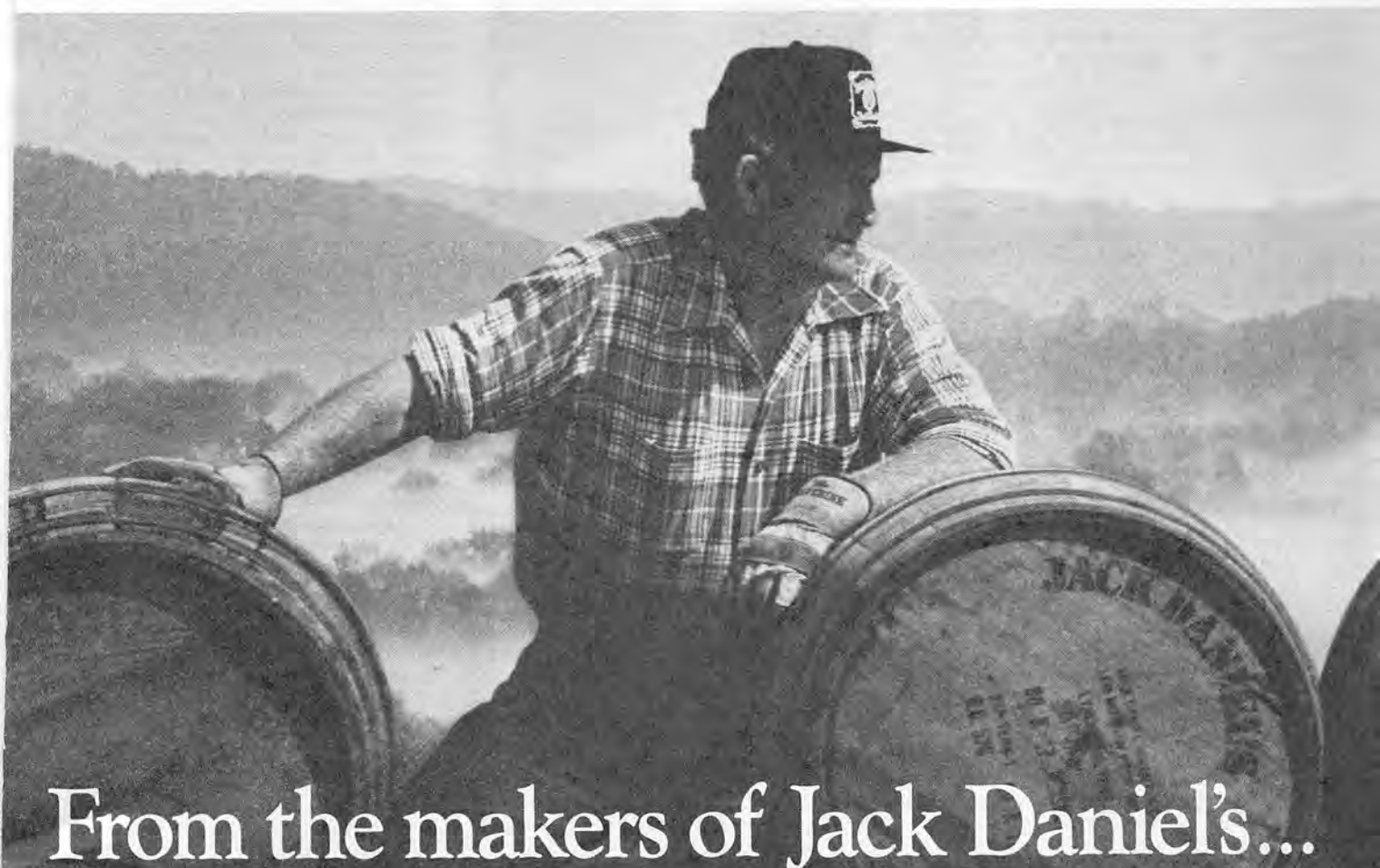
This instability occurred while Tulsa sought to upgrade its program and schedule as an independent. Henshaw declined to explain his reasons for resigning in March, shortly after recruiting. But it is believed he wanted to have more input into scheduling and was up-

set about budget cutbacks. Reportedly, Henshaw questioned Tulsa's commitment to be competitive. He considered the 1987 schedule oppressive. A four-game opening against Oklahoma State, Florida, Arkansas, and Oklahoma devastated the Hurricane and set the stage for a 3-8 record (worst in 10 years at a school that was the dominant team in the Missouri Valley Conference under Cooper).

Rader faces a barely lightened schedule (Miami, Oklahoma State, Arkansas). But the former Tulsa quarterback (he was the leader of a 9-2 team in 1978 that launched the rise in Cooper's stock) and Alabama assistant expects improvement. The skill positions offer promise. Quarterback T.J. Rubley, sometimes brilliant as a freshman last year when he passed for 12 touchdowns and 2,058 yards, will direct an offense with more running and balance. Tailbacks Derrick Ellison, who rushed for 1,064 yards two years ago but only 593 in 1988, and Donnie Maloney, a transfer from Oklahoma who was unexpectedly grounded last year by transcript problems, give Rader the improved running he wants. Ron Beasley and James Chandler are also promising. Brett Adams returns at fullback. Erick Harrison and Dan Bitson are competent receivers. The tight ends are Gary Treat and David Owens. Kyle Litterell, Wes McCallip, John Whitworth, Pat Harper, Chris Hilberth, Dan McIntyre and Brian Kane make up the line.

Tackle Dennis Byrd is the shining light on a defense that seeks improvement. Incumbent Dan Tarabrella starts at the other tackle. Kirk

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Fridrich moved ahead of Anthony Brown at nose guard. Horace Thompson and Lee Durham are the ranking outside linebackers. Darrell Ellison and Glenn Murray or Matt Luke will be inside. Edward Epps moved from strong safety to free, Eric Barrs from free safety to cornerback, and Byson Garner from cornerback to strong safety. The only starter not moved was cornerback Craig Jones. David Fuess will be the place-kicker for the third year and punter Danny Phelps (39.7) returns.

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NORTHERN IOWA

(10-4, 6-0) The Panthers won the league title and advanced to the I-AA semifinals before losing to eventual champion Northeast Louisiana, 44-41, in overtime. Coach Darrell Mudra, though, has resigned and a new coach will have to find replacements for quarterback Mike Smith, halfback Carl Boyd, and center Brian Baker.

Who will direct the offense is a major concern for the Panthers this season, with five candidates vying for the position. The favorites appear to be Courtney Messingham and Troy Alexander. The eventual starter will have solid receivers: Anthony Price (9 for 185, 2 TDs) and sophomore Rory Feddersen (33 for 469). Tight end Sherrod Howard led the Panthers with 8 TD receptions. The running game won't be the same with the loss of All-America Carl Boyd, but Errol Peebles (809 yards, 21 TDs) and Woody Wright (396 yards, 3 TDs) are more than capable. They should see plenty of daylight behind an experienced line led by tackles Mark Botkin (6-4, 270) and Steve Spoden (6-3, 270).

The defense has to fill in holes on the line, where only Mike Campbell (6-1, 250) has experience. The secondary is strong with the return of Chris Klieman and Kevin Anderson. James Jones, a fearsome blitzing end who recorded four sacks, returns at one end. He'll get help from converted linebacker Bryce Paup (6-5, 232), who was involved in 112 tackles and 7 sacks. Jerry Hines, Alan Bostic, Mark Hein, and Pat Hansen form a solid linebacking corps. Punters Doug Johnson and Dan Rush return but the Panthers need to replace place-kicker Danny Helmer.

The Panthers, who played the toughest schedule in their history last season, will face an even more difficult one this year, with games against Pittsburgh and Iowa State.

WESTERN ILLINOIS

(7-4, 5-1) Western Illinois appears to be in the same position that rival Northern Iowa occupied in 1987, coming off a great season with its core intact and poised for a possible conference championship. The Leathernecks, under coach Bruce Craddock, improved from a 2-4, fifth-place Gateway finish in 1986 to a 5-1, second-place standing. Their sole loss was to league champ Northern Iowa. Craddock will have to replace the offensive line.

Returning to pilot the offense is quarterback Paul Singer, who last season earned All-America honors in both the classroom and the gridiron. Singer (239 of 418 for 2,508 yards and 22 TDs) will have his primary receivers back: wideouts Mike Borich, Chris Earl, and Steve Williams. They combined for 62 receptions, nearly 700 yards, and 10 TDs. Singer also has the option of passing to fullback Brett Grimshaw, who chipped in with 440 yards receiving and 549 rushing with four TDs. But will Singer be provided with adequate protection? Possible line replacements include guards Ron Nesbitt (6-4, 275) and John Binkowski (6-3, 275) and tackles Brian Rebac (6-5, 290) and Dave Fierke (6-4, 275). Scott Lewis (6-3, 260) replaces Mike Morrison at center.

While the offense has the potential to be as good as last year's unit, which averaged 361 yards per game, there is no question that the



PAUL SINGER
Western Illinois

defense should once again intimidate. Eight starters return, including Marlin Williams (6-5, 260). He had 118 tackles, 11 for losses, and 5 sacks. Jay Wade anchors a strong secondary that includes returning starters Lorenzo Taylor, Emrick Wilcox, and Bill Hunter.

Place-kicker Layne Bennett (28 of 29 PATs, 11 of 17 FGs for 61 points) and punter Mike Krause (42.5 avg.) return.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

(5-6, 3-3) The Bears looked impressive last season despite compiling a losing record. Five of their losses came in the final quarter and by a total of just 17 points. Coach Jesse Branch has 17 starters returning and is confident he has the depth and experience to challenge for the Gateway crown.

The strength is in a tenacious unit that led the league in total defense, passing defense, and scoring defense and was second in rush-

ing defense, allowing only 13.2 points a game. Seven starters return from that unit, including tackle Jeff Kleitz (6-2, 248). Joe Lisanti (6-3, 240) is a solid tackle. All-conference linebackers Matt Soraghan and Ken Braden will be missed but Joe Kubik and John Liston showed promise and will likely start. The secondary remains deep as three starters return. Corners Derrick Williams and Craig Phillips combined for 79 stops. Safety Bret Aggus had one steal and 69 tackles. Rover Scott Hartwig is a force in the middle.

The Bears managed only 17.7 points a game, and the lack of offensive production will have to be improved on. Two quarterbacks will compete for the starting role: Daryl Patton and sophomore DeAndre Smith. Patton proved to be the better passer while Smith is more of a scrambler. He passed for only 302 yards but rushed for 479. They have a well-balanced running game in Tony Gilbert (444 yards), Mark Thomas (432), and sophomore Rodney McConico (453). Split end Ray Ratcliff once again led the team in receiving with 30 catches for 483 yards. The line is solid as Doug Gardner (6-3, 262) and Mark Christensen (6-2, 277), both all-conference, return.

Place-kicker Chris Potthast led the team in scoring for the second year in a row and Jon Frangoulis averaged 38.9 yards a punt.

INDIANA STATE

(5-6, 2-4) The Sycamores improved upon their '86 record of 3-8, falling just one win short of avoiding a second losing season in a row. With a defense that returns all but two starters coach Dennis Raetz may finally escape the Gateway cellar. Heading the defense are linebackers Antoine Liddell, Ken Hopp, and Matt Campbell. Sophomore tackle Mark Bertram was impressive and nose guard Paul Wafzig contributed two sacks. The secondary features Walter Crutchfield, Lavent Blaylock, and sophomore Troy Mickens.

The entire offensive line needs to be replaced. John Sahn emerged as the starting quarterback, winning the job from Kyle Frondorf. Sahn was 75 of 154 for 1,296 yards and 11 TDs and was ranked as the most efficient passer by the NCAA (137.8 rating). His favorite targets are wideouts Rodney Porter and Chris Johnson. Porter was the top receiver with 49 catches for 738 yards; Johnson had 13 grabs for 239 yards. The Sycamores sport a well-balanced running game in Tori Vactor and Ray Wallace. They combined for 878 yards. Competing for line jobs are sophomores Ed Allison and Walter Anderson, Jim Coveliors, and Pat Christie.

Rob Hufty returns to handle both the punting and place-kicking chores.

EASTERN ILLINOIS

(5-6, 3-3) Perennial powerhouse Eastern Illinois recorded its first losing season in nearly a decade in '87, but coach Bob Spoo, who enters his second year after replacing Al Molde, is confident that the Panthers will get back on the winning track in '88.

Spoo blames the poor performance on a combination of learning a new system and a breakdown in the execution of fundamentals. Said Spoo, "We need to solidify our personnel at linebacker and defensive line, where we've encountered several injuries". He is counting on a healthy John Jurkovic (6-2, 270) and Jeff Mills (6-2, 210) to return to the form they exhib-

ited two seasons ago. Jurkovic, an All-America in '86, and Mills should be recovered from knee surgery that sidelined them last year. Tackle Jeff Rolson (6-1, 260) earned second-team all-conference honors by recording 57 tackles, 3 sacks and 2 fumble recoveries. Cornerback R.L. Reynolds was all-GC.

Spoos has yet to name a starting quarterback but sophomore Eric Arnold came on to start the last five games of the season and averaged over 200 yards passing. He'll look to honorable mention All-America wideout Ralph Stewart (38 receptions for 634 yards, 2 TDs). The running game has experience, but James Marable was a disappointment as he watched his rushing average drop from 112.7 yards per game in 1986 to only 16.9 in '87. He will be joined by fullback John Sengstock. They'll be pushed by redshirt freshman Warren Pearson. Two-time all-conference center Sean O'Brien (6-2, 275) is a four-year starter. He teams alongside all-Gateway tackle Dave Popp (6-6, 250).

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

(3-8, 2-4) After a promising 1986 campaign that saw Southern post a winning (7-4) record, the Salukis approached last season with dreams of challenging for the conference title. Unfortunately, they must have still been dreaming when they took the field because they dropped to a disappointing 3-8 and a fifth-place tie with Indiana State in the Gateway. Replacing Ray Dorr as head coach is Rick Rhoades, who last year led Troy State to

a NCAA Division II national championship. Rhoades isn't looking to win any titles this year but feels the Salukis will be competitive.

Southern's success in '88 rests on how quickly the offense can adapt from the split-veer to the wishbone. One thing is certain: They have the right man to run the offense in quarterback Fred Gibson. He was impressive last season as a freshman starter, completing 71 passes in 161 attempts for 873 yards and 2 TDs. Gibson also rushed for 414 yards, which makes even more sense to adopt the wishbone. He will be joined in the backfield by Byron Mitchell (776 yards, 7 TDs). Competing for the other halfback slot are Paul Patterson, Chuck Harmke, and sophomore Antonio Moore. Tackle Peter Jansons (6-4, 275) and guard Rob Mason (6-2, 252) anchor a veteran line that also includes center Bob Grammer (6-3, 250). Juco transfer Reese Youmans (6-7, 270) is expected to start.

Defense could prove to be a problem since Willie Davis is the lone returnee to the secondary. Rhoades is hoping William Perry and Gary Powell or Scott Barber can fill the backfield void. The line has experience: Brad Crouse, Shannon Ferbrache (6-3, 250), and Martin Hochertz (6-5, 220) return.

ILLINOIS STATE

(3-7, 0-6) Things weren't so normal in Normal last year. The Redbirds failed to win a single conference game and finished dead last in the Gateway. New head coach Jim Heacock's main concerns are finding replacements for a

depleted secondary and a quarterback who can generate some firepower.

The offense showed flashes of brilliance at times last season, primarily on the ground, where it averaged 340 yards per game. Returning to the backfield is senior tailback Ron Westmoreland, the Gateway's top runner (1,025 yards), and last year's freshman sensation, Vic Northern (756 yards). The quarterback slot is wide open as Pat Williams, sophomore Brad Fuller, and redshirt freshman Brian Rogers compete. The receivers are led by Bill Miller (26 for 363 yards, 1 TD). Tight end Mike Mackey impressed as a freshman. Two-year starters Mike Morphey (6-5, 265) and Dave Schumer (6-4, 280) anchor a solid line that allowed only 12 sacks.

Heacock needs to replace three starters in the secondary. The backfield's lone returnee is Jeff Smith, who for the last three years has led the conference in interceptions. Coming to Smith's aid is Mike Moore, a converted halfback, and sophs John McLendon and Curtis Thomas. The line is packed with veterans. Mike Smith (6-4, 230) led the team with 63 tackles as a junior. Greg Peeler is recovering from shoulder surgery that prevented him from spring drills. The Redbirds were tops in the Gateway against the run last year, and they should be able to continue to be successful, as three-year starter Rich Zukowski, Scott Underwood, and Randy Walker comprise a solid line.

Punter Mike McCabe (39.6 avg.) and place-kicker Rick Seitz return.

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Running back	Craig Heyward—Pittsburgh	Thurman Thomas—Oklahoma State
Wide receiver	Tim Brown—Notre Dame	Pat Carter—Florida State
Wide receiver	Wendell Davis—LSU	Sterling Sharpe—South Carolina
Tight end	Keith Jackson—Oklahoma	Marc Zeno—Tulane
Tackle	John Elliott—Michigan	Greg Johnson—Oklahoma
Tackle	Dave Cadigan—Southern Cal	Paul Gruber—Wisconsin
Guard	Randall McDaniel—Arizona St.	Harry Galbreath—Tennessee
Guard	Mark Hutson—Oklahoma	John McCormick—Nebraska
Center	Nacho Albergamo—LSU	Chuck Lanza—Notre Dame
Place-kicker	David Treadwell—Clemson	Derek Schmidt—Florida State
Defense	First Team	Second Team
Line	Chad Hennings—Air Force	Broderick Thomas—Nebraska
Line	Tracy Rocker—Auburn	Tony Cherico—Arkansas
Line	Ted Gregory—Syracuse	Michael Dean Perry—Clemson
Line	Danny Stubbs—Miami	Darrell Reed—Oklahoma
Linebacker	Chris Spielman—Ohio State	Van Walters—Indiana
Linebacker	Aundray Bruce—Auburn	Dante Jones—Oklahoma
Linebacker	Ken Norton—UCLA	John Roper—Texas A&M
Back	Deion Sanders—Florida State	Todd Krumm—Michigan State
Back	Ricky Dixon—Oklahoma	Riccardo Ingram—Georgia Tech
Back	Chuck Cecil—Arizona	Brad Edwards—South Carolina
Back	Bennie Blades—Miami	Louis Oliver—Florida
Punter	Tom Tupa—Ohio State	Greg Montgomery—Michigan State

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Tight end	Keith Jackson—Oklahoma	Pat Carter—Florida State
Tackle	Dave Cadigan—Southern Cal	Greg Johnson—Oklahoma
Tackle	Stacy Searels—Auburn	Tony Mandarich—Michigan State
Guard	Mark Hutson—Oklahoma	John Phillips—Clemson
Guard	John McCormick—Nebraska	Randall McDaniel—Arizona State
Center	Nacho Albergamo—LSU	Chuck Lanza—Notre Dame
Place-kicker	David Treadwell—Clemson	Gary Gussman—Miami (OH)
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Troy Aikman

Passing Grades for These Quarterbacks

Miami exposed Oklahoma's one-dimensional attack in last year's Orange Bowl. To compete for the national championship, a team must have offensive balance.

by **LARRY FELSER** BUFFALO NEWS

The irony was nearly painful. There was Oklahoma in desperation, reduced to scoring on a gimmick play with guard Mark Hutson carrying the football in a fruitless attempt to overcome Miami in the Orange Bowl battle for the national championship. Just a week earlier, thousands of miles to the west, Troy Aikman, a former Sooner whom Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer actually had steered to UCLA, passed the Bruins to their sixth consecutive victory in a bowl, this time the Aloha Bowl over Florida. The lesson, if any, was this: If a team is to win against major intersectional competition, it is almost mandatory to possess a workable passing game.

Troy Aikman, UCLA

Aikman, Oklahoma-bred, enters the 1988 college season as the nation's foremost passer and a serious candidate for the Heisman Trophy. UCLA is all the richer for it. It wasn't foolishness on Oklahoma's part that led to Aikman's exit from the university. It was necessari-

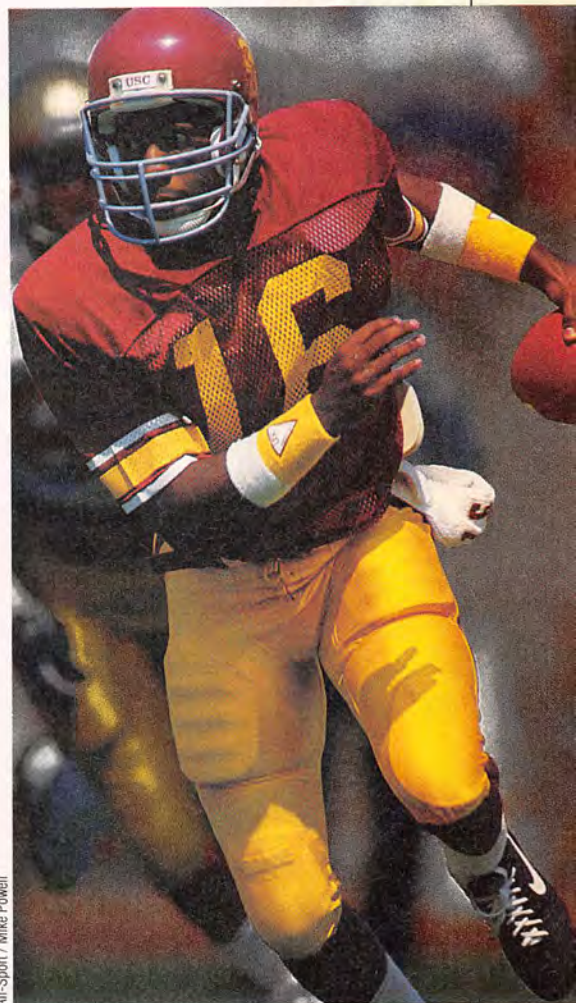
ty, both his and Switzer's. The Sooners were using the I formation during Aikman's time in Norman. By his sophomore season he was the established starter at quarterback and had led the team to three victories in its first three games. Then he broke his leg, ironically, in a game against Miami. Switzer had no quarterback with abilities comparable to Aikman's. What he did have was a freshman named Jammelle Holieway from, another irony, Los Angeles. Not a skilled passer, Holieway seemed born to run a wishbone formation. Switzer switched back from the I to the wishbone and the Sooners continued to flourish. When Aikman healed, he sought a new school. Switzer helped him, making phone calls to a number of his coaching friends. Terry Donahue of UCLA was among the most interested.

"Barry told me Aikman was good," Donahue says now, "but he didn't tell me he was this good."

Last season, as a junior transfer, Aikman led the nation in passing efficiency for most of the year, eventually finishing second to Don McPherson of Syracuse. But Aikman's worth went beyond statistics. The 6-3½, 217-pounder had a six-game stretch against Arizona, Stanford, Oregon, California, Arizona State, and Oregon State in which he threw for 14 touchdowns. That did not occur in a high-risk passing offense, since All-America Gaston Green led a strong running game. Aikman was intercepted only three times in his first 10 games, a natural advertisement for offensive balance. And he will have balance once again because of the return of running backs Eric Ball and Brian Brown.

For all his skills and season of accomplishments, Aikman is far from the only silver-plated passing quarterback for 1988. Louisiana State has Tom Hodson, South Carolina Todd Ellis, Miami Steve Walsh, Nebraska Steve Taylor, Iowa Chuck Hartlieb, and Boston College Mike Power, for starters. In fact, Aikman doesn't even own Los Angeles, yet. L.A. still belongs to Southern Cal's Rodney Peete, at least until November 19, when the conference rivals meet again in the Rose Bowl.

Rodney Peete



Rodney Peete, Southern Cal

Peete, another Heisman candidate, passed for 200 yards or more nine times in 1987, but his masterpiece came against Aikman and the Bruins. The Rose Bowl berth for the Pac-10 was at stake. In the second half, Peete completed 15 of 19 passes, including two for fourth-quarter touchdowns that sealed the Trojans' 17-13 victory. In a football tradition in which the highest honors have been reserved for tailbacks of legend (O.J. Simpson, Marcus Allen, Mike Garrett, Anthony Davis, Charles White, Ricky Bell), Peete is virtually a revolutionary figure. Passing quarterbacks just were not associated with Troy until he came along. Nevertheless, Peete threw 21 touchdown passes a year ago, including five in one game against Stanford. It could develop that 1988 will be a Heisman battle of Los Angeles between Peete and Aikman, just as it was in 1967 when Simpson and UCLA quarterback Gary Beban dueled, with Beban the winner in a close election.

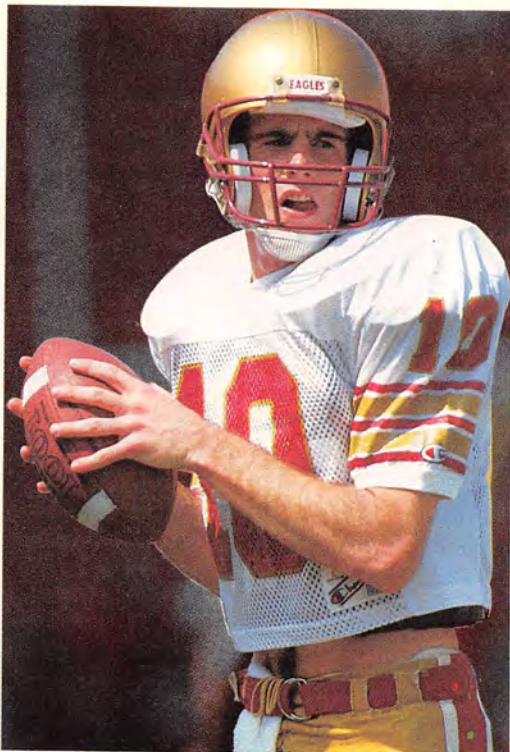
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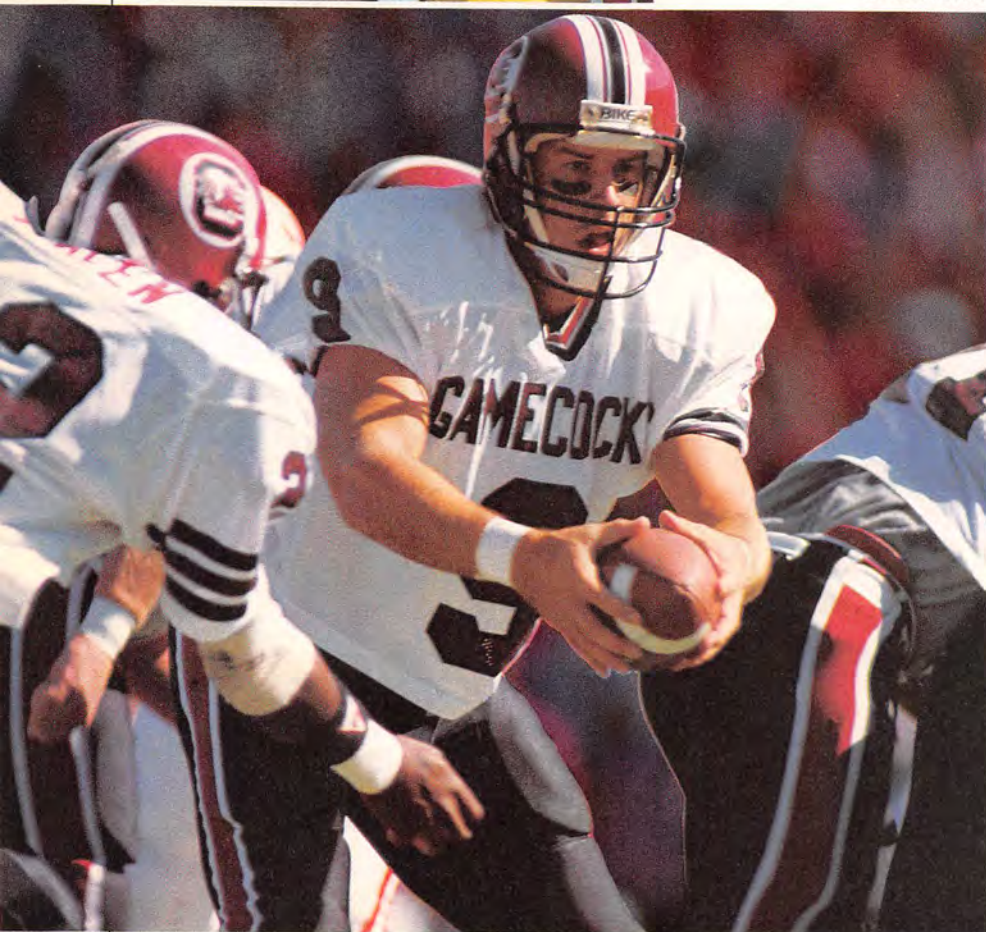
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Passing Grades for These Quarterbacks



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Todd Ellis

In the southeast, passing rivalries are thought of in different terms. There, college football enthusiasts relish two more years of Louisiana State's Hodson and South Carolina's Ellis, even though the two quarterbacks may not meet again.

Tom Hodson, LSU

In a mere two seasons as the LSU starter, Hodson has already set the school record for touchdown passes, with 34. Yet his chief value may be a knack for making things come out right even when they seem to be going wrong. Case in point: In the opening game against strong Texas A&M at College Station, in Mike Archer's debut as LSU head coach, Hodson faded back to his own 28-yard line in the first quarter. An Aggie defender hit him as he delivered the ball. The result was a bloop, virtually a jump ball. But Tiger tailback Harvey Williams caught the ball, then fought his way upfield for a vital first down. LSU went from there to score the first touchdown of the game on its way to a 17-3 victory.

"Physically and mentally, Tommy gets us out of bad situations with great maturity," said Archer. "In games he has started, we are 19-3-1. He might be the most poised quarterback I've ever been around."

Todd Ellis, South Carolina

In his two seasons as South Carolina's starter, Ellis has thrown for 30 touchdown passes. He, too, has assaulted his school's record book. Little more than halfway through his sophomore year, he had set career marks for most passes completed and most yards gained passing as well as single-game records of 425 yards passing with a 21-for-33 day against East Carolina. Ellis threw only half as many touchdown passes in 1987 as he had as a freshman, partially by design. Coach Joe Morrison wanted to put more emphasis on his running game, and with the emergence of Harold Green, who rushed for 14 touchdowns, it happened. Ellis and Green will collaborate for the next two seasons.

Hodson is winning the debate over who is better in the south. In the Gator Bowl last year, he threw three touchdown passes to Wendell Davis in LSU's 30-13 victory over the Gamecocks. Ellis passed for 304 yards, but it was a quiet 304. He tried 47 passes, completed 28, and was intercepted four times against a fierce rush. It will take another bowl game for a rematch between Hodson and Ellis. Their teams do not meet on either the 1988 or the 1989 schedule.

Mike Power, Boston College

Since Jack Bicknell was hired eight years ago and discovered a freshman named Doug Flutie, passing quarterbacks have been a trademark at Boston College. Mike Power, who passed for 2,071 yards and 10 touchdowns last season, has two more years of eligibility remaining. He is a quarterback in the big-play, off-the-wall tradition of Flutie. What makes the B.C. situation different, however, is that Bicknell often inserts a more conservative pocket passer, Mark Kamphaus, into the lineup in place of Power in the midst of almost every game. It is a deliberate change of pace that often disrupts opposing defenses.

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Steve Taylor

Steve Taylor, Nebraska

One of the graphic illustrations of the importance of the pass in college offense came in the last Fiesta Bowl, when Nebraska ran the ball 54 times and attempted just 14 passes. Florida State beat the Cornhuskers, 31-28, as Danny McManus closed his career with a 375-yard passing day. The Huskers' quarterback in that game, Steve Taylor, returns for his senior season. Taylor is not to be confused with Aikman, Hodson, or Ellis as a pure passer. He is more like McPherson, who led Syracuse to an unbeaten season and almost swiped the Heisman Trophy in the bargain. In the opening game against Utah State last year, Taylor ran for 157 yards, a school record for a quarterback. The next week he passed for five touchdowns against UCLA. The week after that, he ran for 122 yards and two more touchdowns against Arizona State.

"We sometimes didn't know what to do," admitted UCLA's James Washington, describing the quandary of playing against Taylor. "If we covered their receivers, he ran the ball. If we didn't cover them, he passed."

Chuck Hartlieb, Iowa

No one has to convince the Iowa Hawkeyes to pass. They have been No. 1 nationally in team passing efficiency over the last five years. Their problem a year ago was choosing a starter among their three quarterbacks. Initially it was wunderkind Dan McGwire. But now McGwire is at San Diego State and 1988 is in the hands of Chuck Hartlieb from the beginning. Once Hartlieb wrested the job from McGwire early last year, he became the first Iowa passer ever to throw for 300 yards in a game five times. He also had five of the Big Ten's top six passing games, and the Hawkeyes finished 8-2 with him as their starter.

Steve Walsh, Miami

At Miami, they expect a quarterback in the superb tradition. Hurricane followers just assume they will get a linear descendant of Jim Kelly, Bernie Kosar, and Vinny Testaverde. Sure enough, they have one in Steve Walsh, who did something neither Testaverde nor Kosar did in his first attempt—defeat archrival Florida. Walsh enjoyed a 234-yard passing day against the Gators, then threw three second-half passes in a classic, 26-25 victory over Florida State in what might have been the game of the year. He finished his sophomore season by coolly picking apart the Oklahoma secondary in the Orange Bowl. Only Kosar and Testaverde ever exceeded his 19 scoring passes in a single season in Miami.

Quarterbacks, however, cannot live by the pass alone. At Syracuse, they think they have the passer to succeed McPherson in sophomore Bill Scharr, who is more comfortable in the drop-back style.

"But if he can't run the option, he can't play for us," said coach Dick MacPherson. "That doesn't mean he has to be an option quarterback, but he has to be able to run it when we need it. When we see a clamped, man-to-man coverage, we're not going to pass the football. We're going to run the option."

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● Iowa. That's where the tall corn and the passing quarterbacks grow. When Chuck Long left, Hawkeye fans said, "We'll never forget you." How soon they forget. The man who has dimmed the memories is Chuck Hartlieb, the best quarterback in the Big Ten and the man Hayden Fry is counting on to lead him back to the Rose Bowl.

In what could be a five-way scramble for the title, Iowa has as good a chance as anyone. Better than most. Not without deficiencies—a suspect defense, a young offensive line—the Hawkeyes have what no one else has—Chuck Hartlieb. They won 9 of the 10 games Hartlieb started last year. He led the conference in total offense and passing efficiency. He threw seven touchdown passes in one game, passed for more than 300 yards five times.

Comparing Hartlieb with Long, now quarterbacking the Detroit Lions, Fry said: "Chuck Long was a big, handsome guy with curly blond hair and Hartlieb is a big, handsome guy with curly black hair. That's about the only difference. His passes may not always be pretty, but they're always on target and they're always very catchable."

Because Fry always comes up with an adequate defense and Hartlieb triggers the most explosive offense in the Big Ten conference, the Hawkeyes are the front runners in the race to the roses. But like Hartlieb's passes, they're very catchable.

The two teams most likely to do the catching are the two from Michigan. Defending champion Michigan State returns most of its offense, minus Lorenzo White, the Spartans' all-time leading ground gainer. Because Tony Mandarich, the best player in the Big Ten, anchors a powerful offensive line, Michigan State can survive the loss of White. But even with him, the offense wasn't much. The Spartans were fifth in the conference in scoring. Unless quarterback Bobby McAllister can throw better than he has demonstrated in the past, Michigan State is not going to dazzle anyone when it has the football. The Spartans will still be the best defensive team in the conference, but probably not as good as 1987.

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CHUCK HARTLIEB
Iowa

predictions

big ten conference

1. Iowa, 2. Michigan State, 3. Michigan, 4. Ohio State, 5. Indiana, 6. Wisconsin, 7. Purdue, 8. Minnesota, 9. Illinois, 10. Northwestern

independents

1. Notre Dame, 2. Northern Illinois, 3. Cincinnati, 4. Youngstown State, 5. Akron, 6. Augustana, 7. Dayton

ohio valley conference

1. Eastern Kentucky, 2. Middle Tennessee, 3. Tennessee State, 4. Murray State, 5. Morehead State, 6. Tennessee Tech, 7. Austin Peay

mid-american conference

1. Kent State, 2. Eastern Michigan, 3. Central Michigan, 4. Bowling Green, 5. Ball State, 6. Miami, 7. Western Michigan, 8. Toledo, 9. Ohio University

Michigan, too, can run the ball, but hasn't proved it can throw it. Demetrius Brown had some great games and some wretched ones in his debut season at quarterback. The Wolverines have probably the best line overall in a conference where offensive linemen are the biggest product. Although there are no proven runners, there's no doubt that somebody will be able to run through the holes blown open by the likes of John Vitale and Mike Husar. If Bo Schembechler had a quarterback like Hartlieb to throw to receivers John Kolesar and Greg McMurtry, he might be in the hunt for a national championship.

Ohio State is somewhat of an unknown. What is known is that the Buckeyes, too, have a strong offensive line and plenty of accomplished runners. But they're going with an untried quarterback. If Greg Frey comes through, Ohio State will challenge for the league title. Defensively, the Buckeyes lost heavily, especially at linebacker, but there's enough returning talent to make new coach John Cooper rest easy.

Indiana has the only other proven passer in Dave Schnell, and even without Ernie Jones, a game-breaking receiver, the Hoosiers are going to score lots of points again. They are going to give up some, too. The Hoosiers have gone to bowl games the last two years under Bill Mallory and have a good chance to do so again. But it probably won't be the Rose Bowl.

The bottom teams in the conference are getting better, but there's little hope that any of them will crack the first division. The surprise school in the conference could be Wisconsin, which finished last in 1987. But the Badgers, with the exception of their offensive line, have virtually everybody back, a bit stronger and presumably wiser. Purdue made strides under Fred Akers, but may drop back a bit while Akers reloads. Minnesota has the best running back in the conference in Anthony

Thompson but no one to throw the ball and a suspect defense. Illinois is virtually starting over with a new coach and only two returning starters on offense. Northwestern, which has managed to win a couple of conference games a year under Francis Peay, is going to have to struggle to do that well this time. The Wildcats lost most of their offensive line plus quarterback Mike Greenfield.

Among the independents, Notre Dame has its sights set on another New Year's Day bowl, but the Irish will have to rebuild the offensive line and hope quarterback Tony Rice has improved his passing if they are to make it. Indications are, the line will be fine. Rice is the big question mark.

Northern Illinois, slowly building under Jerry Pettibone, should have a winning season; if quarterback Marshall Taylor recovers from a broken leg to lead the wishbone, the Huskies could win eight or nine games. Not so Cincinnati, which once again is taking on too tough a challenge. How quickly new quarterback Glenn Farkas develops will determine how many games the Bearcats can salvage.

Youngstown State, which shared the Ohio Valley Conference championship last season with Eastern Kentucky, has withdrawn from the league. But there should be little falloff with new member Tennessee State playing its first season of OVC competition. Tennessee State is coming off its worst season in 20 years (3-7-1), but the Tigers have the biggest offensive line in their history and could be primed for a major comeback. Eastern Kentucky has been one of the premier I-AA programs, winning two championships and going to the title game four successive years in the early 1980s, and will be favored to win the conference even after losing one of its best crops of seniors.

Eastern Michigan University is in almost the same pizza-delivery area as the University of Michigan, but after last season their football programs no longer are miles apart. Let's not speculate that the revitalized Hurons of Ypsilanti could upset the mighty Maize and Blue from Ann Arbor, but the gap between the programs narrowed in 1987 when Eastern went 10-2 to win its first Mid-American Conference title. Then the once lowly Hurons beat San Jose State in the California Bowl... and remember that Michigan seldom has had much luck in California bowls. Now it is time to see if Eastern Michigan can continue to get even for numerous poundings when its program was in despair a few years ago. But following the Hurons' lead could be another former doormat, Kent State.

big ten conference

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(10-3, 6-2) "If there's still a Big Two in the Big Ten," says Iowa coach Hayden Fry, "we must be one of the two." The Hawkeyes, indeed, have won more games (62) over the last seven years than any other conference school.

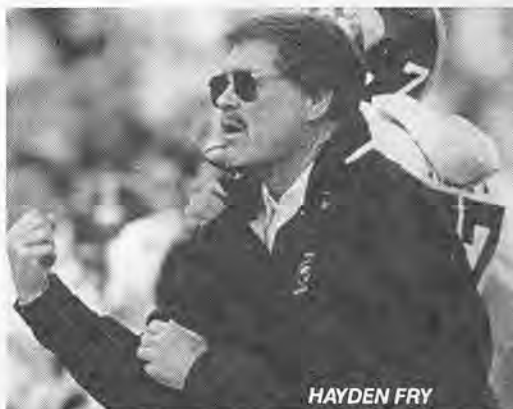
Iowa once again figures to be one of the big two or three in the Big Ten, thanks to a potentially explosive offense led by quarterback Chuck Hartlieb. He emerged from a trio of candidates last season to win not only the starting job but all-Big Ten honors. He threw for more than 300 yards five times and in one

towering performance stunned Northwestern for 471 yards and seven touchdowns. In his two previous seasons of eligibility, Hartlieb had thrown only eight passes—and completed seven. He was third-string going into last fall with Tom Poholsky and the highly touted Dan McGwire. When the dust had settled, Hartlieb (217-334-8, 3,092 yards, 19 TDs) was on his way to Heisman Trophy candidacy and McGwire was on his way to San Diego State, where he transferred at year's end. Poholsky remains as an experienced backup.

Giving Hartlieb time to throw will be a typical big, strong, cornfed Iowa line led by Bob Kratch (6-4, 288), an all-Big Ten performer in 1986 who returns from an injury. Starting center Bill Anderson (6-3, 260) also returns along with part-time starters Bob Schmitt (6-6, 252) and Greg Divis (6-3, 271). Tight end Marv Cook is also an outstanding blocker as well as receiver (49-803, 2 TDs). Just to keep busy he also serves as the team's punter.

The Hawkeyes may have lost a little speed at wide receiver with the graduation of Quinn Early, but weep not for Iowa. Travis Watkins (33-534) will be one starter and Fry has come up with yet another walk-on receiver, Jon Filloon, who looked so good in the spring he earned a starting job. Sean Smith, a juco transfer, should see plenty of action.

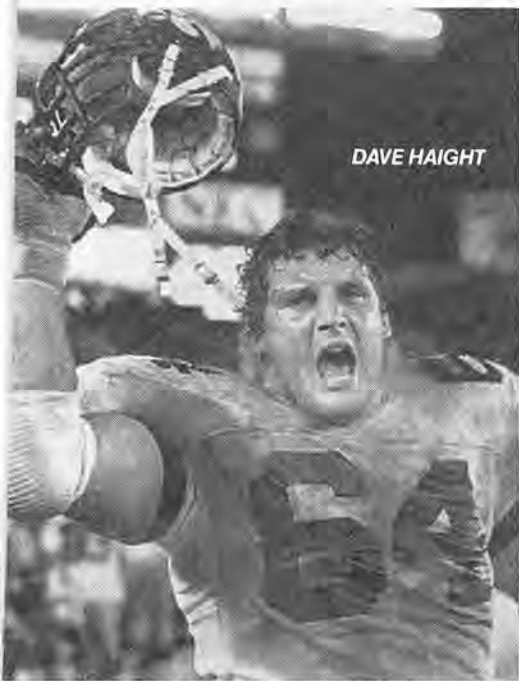
Even though it lost tailbacks Kevin Harmon and Rick Bayless, Iowa should have a good running attack. It is led by sophomore tailback Tony Stewart (68-338) and fullbacks David Hudson (113-493) and Richard Bass (48-191). Only frequent injuries have denied Hudson stardom.



HAYDEN FRY

If there is a concern it is on defense, where the top three tackles are gone along with starting linebacker J.J. Puk. On the positive side, middle guard Dave Haight (6-3, 285) is a potential All-America and the starting ends, Joe Mott (6-4, 245) and Mike Burke (6-5, 225), are back. Junior Brad Quast, a two-year starter, is a linebacking mainstay.

The secondary is a strength with the return of Keaton Smiley at cornerback. Beset with personal problems, Smiley sat out the 1987 season. He will be paired with Anthony Wright, whose fourth-quarter interception return won the Holiday Bowl. The safeties will be Merton Hanks, another Holiday Bowl hero, and Mark Stoops, whose brothers Bob and Mike were both all-league strong safeties.



DAVE HAIGHT

One problem Fry must solve is to replace kicker Rob Houghtlin, the Hawkeyes' all-time leading scorer. Freshman Jeff Skillett gets the pressure-packed assignment. After trying a more difficult than usual preconference schedule last year, the Hawkeyes are back playing their usual patsies, and only Colorado should give them any struggle going into the Big Ten schedule. But since that game is the home opener, figure Iowa to be 4-0 going into the conference play. Anything less than 10 victories will be underachieving.

MICHIGAN STATE

(9-2-1, 7-0-1) For a coach who lost such proven performers as Lorenzo White, Todd Krumm, Mark Nichols, and Tim Moore, Spartans' coach George Perles seems mighty sanguine about his team's chances to repeat as Big Ten champion. "The way I look at it," he said, "everything is contingent on one thing—injuries. If we can avoid losing some key people, I'm sure we can go a long way." But Michigan State already has lost veteran starting linebacker Kurt Larson to an Achilles' tendon tear. Larson is not expected to be available until at least midseason and more likely has played his last down of collegiate football.

Only junior Percy Snow returns from the outstanding trio of linebackers that anchored the best defense in the conference, if not the country. Middle linebacker Snow (6-3, 224) figures to be a Butkus Award candidate after

figuring in 127 tackles and being nominated for the honor in his first season as a starter. He is one of seven starters back from a unit that allowed just 61.5 yards a game on the ground, only 37.6 in conference play.

Although Nichols is gone, three of the four down linemen return: ends Jim Szymanski (6-5½, 262) and John Budde (6-4, 241) and tackle Travis Davis (6-3, 265). Szymanski underwent knee surgery and missed spring drills but is expected to be completely recovered by the fall.

Free safety Krumm is the only missing member of the secondary, but a key one. His nine interceptions set the school's single-season record. Returning strong safety John Miller had eight interceptions and tied a Big Ten record with four in the victory over Michigan.

Perles knows he cannot replace White, the school's career record-holder in rushes, yardage, and touchdowns, but he has perhaps the conference's top returning player to anchor his offensive line. Left tackle Tony Mandarich (6-6, 303) is "the best offensive lineman I've ever been around," says Perles, who was around the Pittsburgh Steelers when they won four Super Bowls. Yes, Perles insists, "If we were at Pittsburgh right now with our great teams, Tony could play for us." The Spartans also return both starting guards, Bob Kula (6-4, 266) and Vince Tata (6-2, 266), but must replace, among others, all-league center Pat Shurmur. Running behind Mandarich & Co., Blake Ezor (133-617), who will replace White as starting tailback, should become a 1,000-yard rusher, but depth is a concern here.

The key to the offense will be how much quarterback Bobby McAllister has improved as a passer. Considered a scatterarm most of his career, McAllister, a good option runner, was ranked No. 3 in the conference in passing efficiency. But Michigan State was last in passing yardage despite the presence of Andre Rison, one of the best receivers in the country. Rison (34-785, 5 TDs) led the conference with an average gain of 23.1 yards. He also will return punts this year and is in the same position Tim Brown was in at Notre Dame last year. He could win the Heisman if he had a quarterback who could get the ball to him often enough. Although Willie Bouyer on the other side caught only seven balls last year, he also is a dangerous receiver.

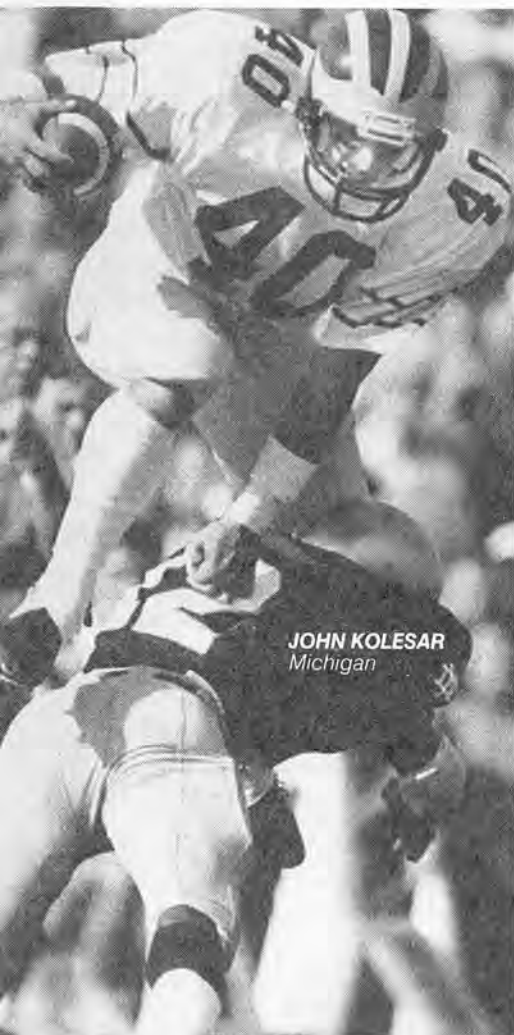
Of all his graduation losses the one that concerns Perles the most is punter Greg Montgomery, No. 5 in the country last year. If new punter Josh Butland can come through, the Michigan State coach will have no kick coming. Not even with a schedule that, after opening against Rutgers, finds the Spartans playing Notre Dame, Florida State, Iowa, and Michigan on successive weekends.

MICHIGAN

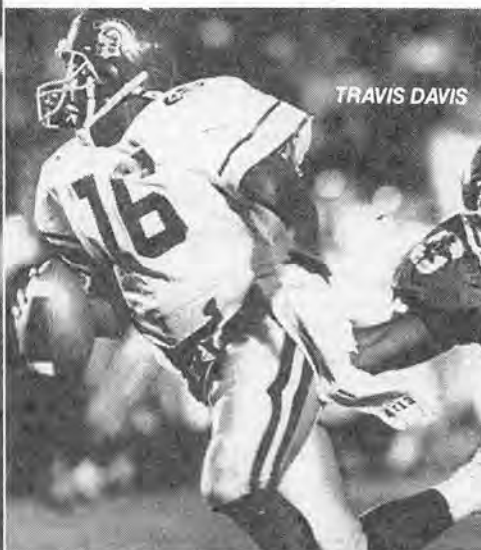
(8-4, 5-3) Bo Schembechler didn't have to add the athletic director's job to his duties to ensure himself he'll never be fired as Michigan head football coach. Schembechler's achievements have already taken him to a higher realm. His 215 career victories are the most of any active coach. The last 175 wins have come at Michigan, where Schembechler is entering his 20th season.

Not even another disappointing season would make Schembechler vulnerable. He will coach Michigan as long as he is willing and able. But Michigan fans might be setting themselves up for disappointment. Many feel the Wolverines are the team to beat in the Big Ten. Perhaps, but only if quarterback Demetrius Brown gains some consistency. To say that Michigan returns nine starters on offense is all well and good. To say that the offensive line is superb and that the two wide receivers are excellent may not be an exaggeration.

But all that was so last year when, in addition, the Wolverines had All-America tackle John Elliott and tailback Jamie Morris, the school's all-time leading ground-gainer. So what happened? Well, that vaunted offensive line, Elliott included, did not perform as well as Schembechler thought it should. And Brown threw far more interceptions (16) than touchdown passes (10).



JOHN KOLESAR
Michigan



TRAVIS DAVIS



TONY
MANDARICH



Should Brown get his act together, of course, Michigan could well be headed back to the Rose Bowl. Providing, of course, that the offensive line looks as awesome on the field as it does on paper. The Wolverines are touting center John Vitale (6-1, 273) as an All-America candidate and tackle Mike Husar (6-3, 287) as all-Big Ten at least. He was first-string all-conference last year. Starting guards David Chester (6-2, 267) and Michael Dames (6-2, 268) also are back, but Dean Dingman (6-3, 280) is pushing Dames for one of the starting spots. Freshman tackle Greg Skrepanek (6-8, 322) will get some time.

Allen Jefferson (29-259) was Morris's backup last year and has been promoted to the starting tailback. But sophomore Tony Boles had an outstanding spring game, including a 63-yard touchdown run to spring into contention. Tight end Jeff Brown is solid and wide receivers John Kolesar (16-331) and Greg McMurtry (21-474) both make the big catch. If only Brown can make the big throw.

With Kolesar and McMurtry, Schembechler was able to switch Tripp Welborne to the defensive backfield, where there is an alarming lack of experience. Only corner David Arnold returns as a starter. Welborne likely will start opposite him. Linebacking is another area where there is little experience, although Schembechler feels there is talent. J.J. Grant started seven games last year and is the second-leading returning tackler. Bobby Abrams started nine games outside.

Although veteran middle guard Billy Harris has departed, Schembechler welcomes back with open arms Mark Messner (6-3, 244), an All-America tackle the Wolverines are touting for the Outland and Lombardi Trophies. He's paired with John Herrmann (6-5, 267), who started every game last year. T.J. Osman (6-3, 263) gets first shot at Harris's old assignment.

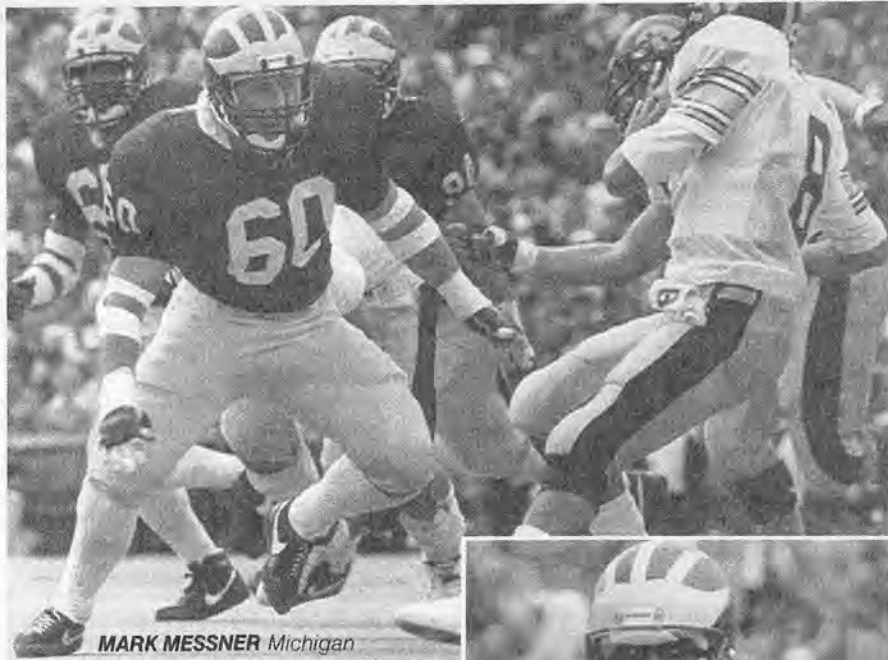
The Wolverines start with a couple of toughies (Notre Dame and defending national champion Miami) and early in the conference schedule take on Michigan State and Iowa back-to-back. So Michigan fans won't have long to wait to see if their optimism is justified.

OHIO STATE

(6-4-1, 4-4) All Earle Bruce did was win nine or more games for each of his first eight seasons as head coach at Ohio State. And in the ninth year he was fired. It was a public relations fiasco for the Buckeyes, but the choice of John Cooper to succeed Bruce helped calm the hysteria. Cooper brings solid credentials to Columbus, including the fact that as head coach at Arizona State he had been to the Rose Bowl more recently than Bruce.

It's not likely he'll get back there this year. Not unless new quarterback Greg Frey is better than even Cooper suspects. Frey did have outstanding credentials in high school, where he passed for 47 touchdowns and 4,702 yards in his prep career. But he was nothing special (8-20-2, 94 yards) last year as backup for Tom Tupa, who was nothing extraordinary himself. Nevertheless, Cooper intends to emphasize the passing game a bit more than Bruce and even put in the shotgun formation.

Unless he is completely detached from reality, Cooper cannot help but note that his team's strength is in the offensive line and running backs, where Bruce left him an abundance of material. Not only do the Buckeyes have their entire offensive line back, but they



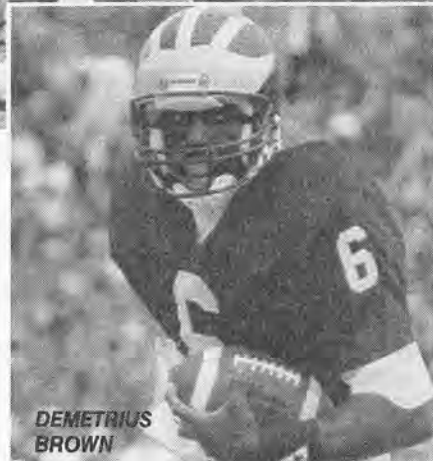
MARK MESSNER Michigan

reacquire the services of guard Jeff Davidson (6-6, 280), who broke a leg in the fourth game last year. Thus Karl Coles (6-5, 256), who finished the season as a starter, will be the top backup on a unit that is as good as any in a conference loaded with outstanding offensive lines. Leading the way is center Jeff Uhlenhake (6-3, 270), an All-America candidate who switched from guard last year after being all-Big Ten at that position. Others across this imposing front are tackles Joe Staysniak (6-5, 280) and Tim Moxley (6-7, 285) and guards Davidson and Greg Zackeroff (6-5, 260).



CARLOS SNOW
Ohio State

Vince Workman, the team's leading rusher (118-470) even though he was switched to flanker after five games, is back at tailback, where he will start ahead of freshman flash Carlos Snow (99-381, 4 TDs). Jim Bryant has switched from tailback to fullback but is behind Bill Matlock in the battle for George Co-



DEMETRIUS
BROWN

per's starting job. If that's not enough, the Buckeyes were waiting the word on the eligibility of Mark Hicks, a transfer from Cal who led the Pac-10 in rushing as a freshman. Should Cooper ignore the obvious and insist on throwing the ball, Everett Ross (29-585-5 TDs) can catch it with the best of them.

Having lost such stalwarts as linebackers Chris Spielman and Eric Kumerow, Cooper will have to rebuild the Buckeye defense. He'll start with outside linebacker Michael McCray (6-3, 240), who played opposite Kumerow last year. John Kacherski has been moved from defensive tackle to the other outside spot. A likely starter inside is John Sullivan, although



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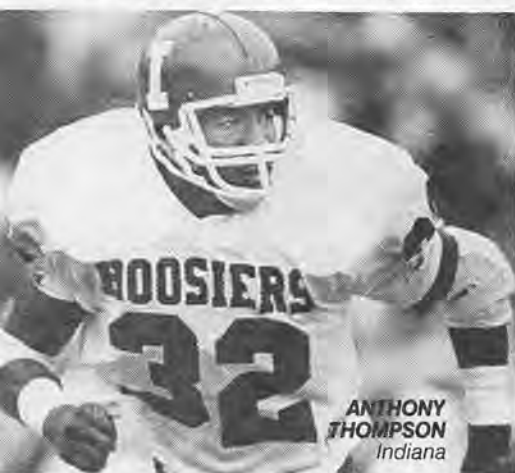
Gary Lickovitch was moved from tight end and is in the picture.

Center Mike Sullivan (6-0, 250) and tackle Mike Showalter (6-4, 268) return on the defensive line but Ray Holliman must be replaced at the other tackle. Safety David Brown is the top returning back, but there is enough experience among Zack Dumas, Jim Peel, and Tony Cupe to form an effective unit. Cupe, a former wide receiver, was impressive in the spring.

One of Cooper's biggest concerns is finding a punter to replace Tupa, who led the nation. Also of concern should be a tough pre-season schedule featuring Syracuse, Pittsburgh, and LSU.

INDIANA

(8-4, 6-2) It wasn't that long ago that Bill Mallory was suffering through an 0-11 season with the Hoosiers. Last year it was the rest of the Big Ten that had to suffer. For the first time in 36 years Indiana beat Ohio State. For the first time ever Indiana beat Ohio State and Michigan in the same season. It was not the erstwhile Big Two but Indiana that played Michi-



ANTHONY THOMPSON
Indiana

gan State in the pivotal game of the season for the Big Ten championship. And even though the Hoosiers lost, it was still a marvelous year. There is enough returning from last year to give Indiana fans hope for another run at the Rose Bowl. But given the competition, the Hoosiers seem likely to get a little bit less out of a little bit more.

One thing Indiana has that many of the top contenders do not have is a proven quarterback. Dave Schnell (121-207-9, 1,707 yards, 13 TDs) ranked second in the conference in passing efficiency. Mallory might feel even more comfortable had he not lost quality backup Dave Kramme, who started three games when Schnell was felled by an appendectomy and nearly bailed out the Iowa game when Schnell had a rare poor performance.

Mallory can count many blessings. He has a strong offensive line despite losing tackle Eric Moore, a first-round draft choice of the New York Giants. He has two outstanding tight ends and one of the top running backs in the conference in Anthony Thompson (257-1,014, 12 TDs). He has a proven place-kicker in Pete Stoyanovich, who is giving up soccer this fall to concentrate on football. He has 15 returning players who have started at least one game on defense. He has a very favorable opening schedule, which features games at Rice, Missouri, and Northwestern, plus the home opener with Kentucky. With any

luck, Indiana could be 4-0 going into a pivotal home game against Ohio State on October 8.

Despite all that, the Hoosiers don't look quite so potent on offense as they were a year ago. Maybe it's because there is no Ernie Jones to put fear into defensive secondaries. Jones caught 13 scoring passes last season and gained 1,265 yards on 66 catches. In fact, both of Indiana's starting wide receivers are gone, although Tony Buford (13-197) has experience. So, with that good front line, featuring returning guards Tim Radtke (6-2, 263) and Don Shrader (6-2, 278), and with sure-handed tight end Tim Jorden (31-351), expect the Hoosiers to be a little more conservative and a little less explosive.

Defensively, Indiana has showed steady improvement during the Mallory regime, and even with the loss of all-Big Ten linebacker Van Waiters, that could continue. The best of the Hoosier defenders is inside linebacker Willie Bates, who led the team with 107 tackles last year. Doug Schlereth (6-3, 255) is set at one tackle but freshman walk-on Chris McCoy (6-3, 229) could take veteran Walt Harris's spot at the other. Dan Bauer (6-3, 250), who split his time between nose guard and tackle, will share nose guard with Jim Sams (6-4, 246), a sometimes starter last year.

Free safety Brian Dewitz heads a seasoned secondary that lost only one starter. Andre Hall, who split strong-safety duties with Marc Ferry, moves to cornerback to replace Eric Hickerson. Michael Dumas will be the other corner, leaving 10-game starter Joe Zeigler as the top backup.

Mallory has been the Big Ten Coach of the Year for the last two seasons. But he might have to get the Hoosiers into the Rose Bowl to win it a third time.

WISCONSIN

(3-8, 1-7) The Badgers' tumble into the Big Ten cellar was not totally unexpected. With a new coach, a new system, and new players at practically every position, it's a wonder Wisconsin did as well as it did. Four of the losses were by three points or fewer, so the record could have been quite respectable.

In the second year of the Don Morton regime, progress can be expected. Wisconsin returns all 11 defensive starters and experience alone should yield some results. Linebacker is a particular strength, with Dan Kissling outside and Malvin Hunter and David Wings inside. Nose tackle Chad VandeZande (6-3, 265) is the best of the interior linemen.

There are seven starters returning on offense, but here the Badgers suffered some grievous losses. All of the graduated seniors played on the offensive line, including Paul Gruber, the first lineman to go in the draft, plus standouts Glenn Derby and Rod Lossow. If Morton can build a new line around guard Todd Nelson (6-5, 285), the lone returnee, Wisconsin should be able to move the football.

Quarterback Tony Lowery improved steadily in his freshman year, and although he completed only 47 percent of his passes, he was the third-leading rusher (114-279) in the veer option attack. His backup, Otis Flowers, another sophomore, also looks promising. The star of the offensive unit is running back Marvin Artley (148-955, 9 TDs), who could crack 1,000 yards this season. All the other top runners are back, too, including No. 2 rusher Steve Vinci (44-290) and Louis Curtis (45-

239). The primary receivers, Scott Bestor (18-257) and David Burks (17-208), return and Morton hopes to throw the ball more.

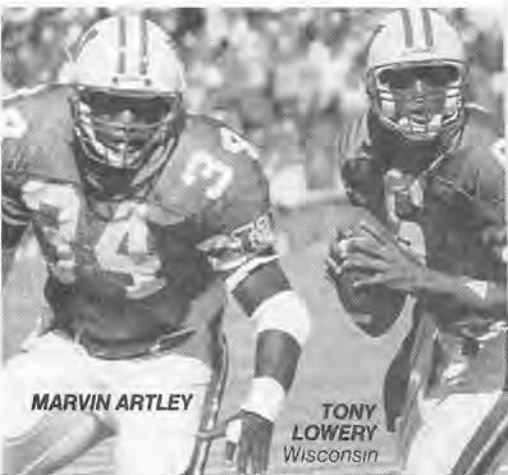
Wisconsin has to replace both kicker Todd Gregoire and punter Scott Cepicky. It's possible that freshman Rick Thompson can handle both assignments. The young Badgers will have to grow up in a hurry. After two winnable games at home, they play national champion Miami, Michigan, and Iowa in the next three.

PURDUE

(3-7-1, 3-5) Ellery Queen would call it *The Case of the Reluctant Quarterback*. Lanky Shawn McCarthy was perfectly happy being Purdue's punter last year when he suddenly found himself the starting quarterback after Doug Downing went down in the sixth game. In only his second start he was named Midwest offensive player of the week for his performance in the 49-14 wipeout of Wisconsin. McCarthy still didn't want to be a quarterback, but subsequently had a change of heart and won the starting job in the spring. Now he's the focal point of the offense as Fred Akers attempts to continue to rebuild.

Akers did a remarkable job of bringing Purdue back to respectability in his first year, but now virtually has to do it all over again. There's a major rebuilding job ahead on the offensive line, where center Bruce Crites (6-2, 255) is the only returning starter. If the line can give him enough time, McCarthy should be able to get the ball to flanker Calvin Williams (42-585), the top returning receiver. With a running attack that produced only 88 yards a game, Akers has little choice but to adhere to the Purdue tradition of throwing the ball. He will try to get a little more run production with sophomore Jarrett Scales, who carried only twice as a freshman, lining up at tailback.

On defense the Boilermakers lost some outstanding players, but get back tackle Bill Hitchcock (6-6, 285), who was hurt last year.



MARVIN ARTLEY

TONY LOWERY
Wisconsin

With holdover linemen Ken Kushner (6-5, 272) and Scott Conover (6-4, 243), Purdue seems solid enough. Jerrol Williams is the lone returning linebacker but Iowa State transfer Darin Trieb should help. The secondary is a strength, led by free safety Marc Foster, who led Big Ten defensive backs with 130 tackles. Derrick Kelson, who started all 11 games, the last 9 at strong safety, returns. Steve Jackson is back at one corner and Ronnie Beeks, a starter in 1986 who missed last season with grade problems, at the other.

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MINNESOTA

(6-5, 3-5) Rickey Foggie's gone but the Minnesota quarterback picture is still foggy. Replacing Foggie, the school's all-time passing yardage and total-offense leader, was John Gutekunst's primary job in the spring. And he didn't get it done. So backup Alan Holt and a couple of redshirt freshmen, Scott Schaffner and Keswic Joiner, will go at it again in the fall.

If one of the three comes through the Gophers could have a potent offense, even with a rebuilt line. The reason: tailback Darrell Thompson (224-1,229, 13 TDs), the only running back in Big Ten history to gain 1,000

scorer. He didn't find one of those in the spring, either. But once again the Gophers have a soft early schedule and should be at least 4-1 going into the season.

ILLINOIS

(3-7-1, 2-5-1) The word at Illinois is, "Let George do it." Jeff George is going to have to do it or it will be a long first season for new coach John Mackovic. The former Kansas City Chiefs coach, Mackovic took over in February after Mike White suddenly resigned in January. The unfortunate timing of White's resignation cost the Illini several top recruits and cast serious doubt on the team's future.

The last time George was involved in a coaching change, the young quarterback decided to cut and run. That was at Purdue, when Leon Burnett was fired after George's freshman year. Having exhausted that avenue, George has no choice but to stand and, he hopes, deliver this time. Mackovic will design his whole offense, such as it is, around George, who was the most highly prized prep quarterback in the nation in his senior year. Thrown to the wolves as a college freshman behind an inexperienced line, he started six games and threw for more than 1,200 yards. But he took a physical and emotional beating. George sat out last year after transferring and now once again will be under pressure with little or no protection in front of him.

Guard Mark McGowan (6-3, 265) is the only returning regular on the offensive line. The other projected starters all were backups last year, but three were freshmen and one a sophomore. There's not a lot coming back in the way of receivers, either, but Illinois will still throw the ball. There's not much choice considering that Keith Jones, the best of the returning running backs, gained only 322 yards last year. At least Jones is healthy now, which he wasn't for much of '87.

The Illini finished last in total offense and scoring in the Big Ten, but the defense kept them in most games. Gone are defensive ends Scott Davis and Mike Piel, along with backs Bobby Dawson and Keith Taylor. But Illinois' best returning player is free safety Glenn Cobb and the secondary could be a strength. Another standout is nose tackle Mo Gardner (6-4, 252), who started as a freshman last year. Among the more interesting of the defensive "newcomers" is linebacker Shawn Turner, a fifth-year senior so lightly regarded by the previous administration that he wasn't invited back for fall practice in either of the last two years. He could be a starter for Mackovic.

NORTHWESTERN

(2-8-1, 2-6) Francis Peay is like the man who has spent all his money for an architect's plan and doesn't have enough left to buy the lumber. After two years as the Wildcats head coach, Peay finally has his system in place. But he has just about enough material to erect a shanty. Meanwhile, he hopes to start stockpiling some supplies to build his dream house in the future. "The freshman class we recruited has more size and speed than we've had," he said. "They're Big Ten caliber players, a good foundation to build on."

The Wildcats have only four returning starters on offense. The most notable losses are quarterback Mike Greenfield and most of the line. Finally getting his chance to start in his senior year will be veteran backup Greg Bradshaw, who had decent numbers last year (34-

67-5, 417 yards). The one negative: five interceptions, compared with two touchdowns.

Peay has moved his only returning offensive lineman, tackle Michael Baum (6-5, 260), from the right side to the left to take advantage of his pass-blocking ability. He brought in JC transfer Kurt Minko (6-2, 255) to start at center and switched defensive tackle Dave Holding (6-3, 256) to one of the guard slots.

The Wildcats do return their starting running backs. Byron Sanders (187-778) exploded for 295 yards against Minnesota last year but was nicked up most of the season. A healthy Sanders would help considerably. Curtis Spears (49-165) is the incumbent fullback, but soph Bob Christian had a sensational spring. Randy McClellan (26-373, 4 TDs) is the top returning receiver.

Defensively, the Wildcats have more coming back, although they were virtually wiped out at linebacker and will sorely miss back Brett Whitley, who had seven interceptions. Three starters return on the line and a fourth, end Doug Martin (6-4, 239), was a starter for the first two games before being injured. One of the other three, end Kevin Peterson, (6-4, 220), moves to outside linebacker, while tackle Darryl Ashmore (6-6, 250) and end Andre Walker (6-5, 260) flip-flop assignments. Kyle Palmer and Terry Thomas are the returning starters in the secondary, although Palmer was playing behind Bill McLaughlin, a special-teamer last year, in the spring.

At least the Wildcats are playing a reasonable nonconference schedule this season. It's only when they get to the Big Ten that they're out of their league.

independents

NOTRE DAME

(8-4) For his next trick, Lou Holtz will turn Ricky Watters into Tim Brown. Holtz, who brought the magic back to Notre Dame last year, may have come up with a replacement for Brown, his departed Heisman Trophy winner, when he switched Watters, a 6-3, 192-pound sophomore, from tailback to flanker at the last hour during spring practice. Holtz had originally planned to move Mark Green, his leading rusher last year, to Brown's flanker post, where Green worked for most of the spring. He had a change of heart. "Coach felt we'd have better chemistry with me at tailback and Ricky at flanker," said Green. "Ricky's awesome. He reminds me of Timmy Brown."

"Ricky doesn't have any idea yet of what he's doing at flanker," cautioned Holtz. "But he is very much a Timmy Brown type of athlete. He has Timmy's awareness. We have to get the ball into Watters' hands 12 to 14 times a game. That's a must."

That's also the rub. Getting the ball into Brown's hands last year proved to be as difficult as sneaking a mouse past a cat. Quarterback Tony Rice completed only 43 percent of his passes. In the last seven games after Rice became the starter, Notre Dame quarterbacks threw just two touchdown passes. Thus the Irish were a Cadillac team with a Chevrolet engine. They won eight of their first nine with a punishing ground game led by a veteran line and a bevy of fine backs.

Rice is back at quarterback and everyone at Notre Dame says he has improved. But at show-and-tell time, the spring game, he completed 6 of 19 passes and had two intercepted. The guts of the line graduated, with only



KEITH JONES
Illinois

yards in each of his first two years. By midseason Thompson should shoot right past Marion Barber into first place on the all-time Gopher rushing list. He could have a dynamic running mate this year. Octavius Gould, who transferred from Florida rather than sit behind Emmitt Smith, has been moved to fullback and could beat out Roselle Richardson.

Tight end Craig Otto (22-309) and both starting wideouts, Chris Gaiters (13-231) and Jason Bruce (12-224), return, but only tackle Dan Liimata (6-5, 270) and center Brian Williams (6-5, 287) are back on the offensive line.

The Gophers were not a good defensive team last year and, with a strong linebacking group coming back, Gutekunst switched from a 5-2 to the 4-3. Jon Leverenz, the Gophers' lone defensive candidate for postseason honors, will play one of the outside spots, with Ron Goetz switching to the middle. Ross Ukkelberg (6-6, 258) is the only returning starter on the line. The Gophers have done a lot of shuffling, one result being that former tight end Skeeter Akre (6-7, 226) will start at defensive end. There is a lot of youthful experience in the secondary. The Gophers weren't very good there but three of the four players return. One, free safety Doug Evans, could lose his job to converted quarterback Les O'Hara.

Almost as much as Gutekunst needs a quarterback, he needs a kicker to replace Chip Lohmiller, the school's all-time leading

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right guard Jeff Pearson (6-2, 254) returning. But backup Tim Grunhard (6-3, 283) had a great spring and tight end Andy Heck (6-6, 246) has been moved to tackle, just the way Tom Rehder was a year ago. So Holtz is confident his running game will rumble again with backs like Green (146-861), Anthony Johnson (78-366, 11 TDs), Tony Brooks (54-262), and Braxton Banks (54-212) all returning. Rice himself gained 337 yards and scored seven touchdowns running the option.

The defense will be led by an outstanding trio of linebackers: Wes Pritchett, Frank Stams, and Ned Bolcar. Underscoring the depth at this position, Stams and Andre Jones, who did not start last year, could both be ahead of incumbent starter Flash Gordon.

There will be new faces at two of the three line positions. John Foley (6-3, 251), who was moved from linebacker to tackle for the final two games last year, will replace Jeff Kunz at one wide tackle while Tom Gorman (6-6, 258) returns at the other. Chris Zorich (6-1, 260), who did not play a down last year, has a chance to start at nose tackle.

The secondary although missing two starters, should be a strength. Strong safety George Streeter and cornerback Stan Smagala return and D'Juan Francisco, who had an outstanding spring, will step in at the other corner. Veteran Corny Southall, a former starter at free safety, is back in his old spot after suffering a knee injury last year.

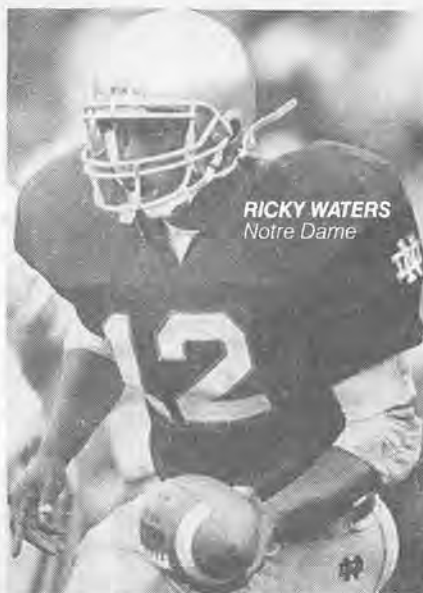
The Irish figure to get immediate help from freshman tight end Derek Brown, the *Parade* Player of the Year, from Merritt Island, Fla. But the help they really need is the kind they can get only from quarterback Rice. How well he throws could determine how far Notre Dame goes. Most likely the Irish will go to a bowl game, but with Michigan, Michigan State, Pittsburgh, Penn State, Miami, and Southern Cal on the schedule, two losses seem likely and three or four possible.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

(5-5-1) The Huskies got a bad break in their final game of the 1987 season. A very bad break. Oh, they won the game, over Nevada-Las Vegas, 34-31. On the road. On national cable TV. But they lost their quarterback and if they don't get him back they've lost 1988.

Coach Jerry Pettibone is confident that Marshall Taylor will be back, good as new, when the Huskies open the season against Akron on September 3. Taylor had already run for 209 yards in only 14 carries against UNLV when his leg was broken in two places on a fourth-quarter tackle. With 4,884 total yards entering his senior year, Taylor is No. 5 among active NCAA total-offense leaders. Pettibone said, "Marshall Taylor knows more tricks than David Copperfield. He will be one of the top option quarterbacks in America this year. He could step in for Jamelle Holieway and Oklahoma wouldn't miss a beat."

Even though they have to rebuild the offensive line following the graduation of honorable mention All-America guard Ted Karamanos, the Huskies feel there isn't a game on their schedule they can't win if Taylor is there to lead them. Their top runners from a year ago are back, including dynamic Rodney Taylor, who at 5-7 and 160 pounds has produced 2,669 all-purpose yards in his career. Employing two wideouts in the wishbone, Northern Illinois has a fourth option, the pass. "Our



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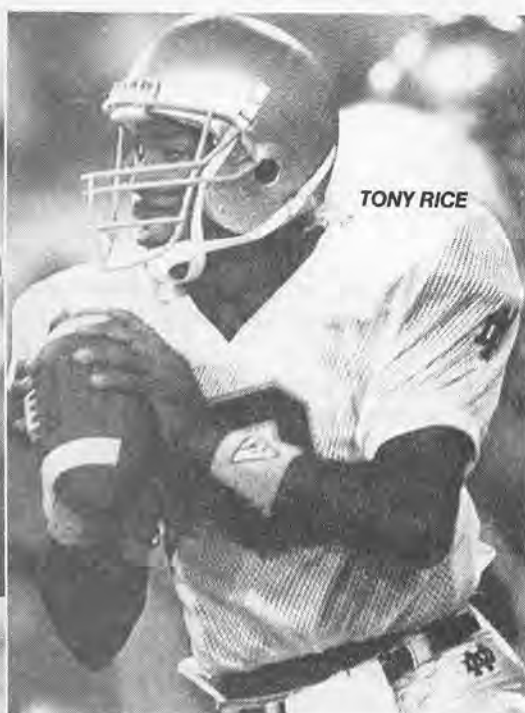
wishbone package has some sophisticated schemes that allow big plays," said Pettibone. "If somebody stacks their defense against the run, we can throw the ball." But only if Taylor's in there. The Huskies tried J.C. transfer James Darby in the spring game and he went 0-for-6.

Defensively, there are eight starters returning and linebacking is a particular strength. Ron Delisi, who led the team with 107 tackles, is the leader of the unit.

CINCINNATI

(4-7) The Bearcats face another bear of a schedule, featuring road games with the last two national champions: Penn State and Miami. For the first time in four years they'll start down the road without quarterback Danny McCoin, who set 12 school passing and total-offense records, to show them the way.

No one is saying that sophomore Glenn Farkas has McCoin's arm, but coach Dave Currey liked the way Farkas took charge in the spring. He turned a three-way contest with freshman Don Hoog and J.C. transfer Carl Johnson into a rout. Farkas completed 66 percent of his passes in the spring scrimmages and in the final test threw for three touchdowns and ran for a fourth. Farkas started one game last year and threw for 207 yards and two touchdowns against West Virginia.



TONY RICE

Although the offensive line is unsettled, that's nothing new at Cincinnati. Presuming he gets time, Farkas has a flock of veteran receivers and runners to give the ball to. All the top rushers are back, including tailback Al McKinney (208-950) and fullback Leonard Cry (69-420). Wide receivers Bill Davis (41-626), Roosevelt Mukes (40-535), and Steve Sanders (23-428) return.

Defensively, the strength is on the line, where tackle Chris Asbeck (6-3, 264) and end Andrew Stewart (6-5, 247) are the key performers. The linebacking corps and secondary must be totally rebuilt but the return of Ron Traut to his outside linebacking spot should help there. Traut would have started a year ago but for a fractured wrist in the final pre-season scrimmage that sidelined him for the year. Traut's return frees Art Sheffield to move to strong safety. Cornerbacks and inside linebackers are a major concern of Currey's.

Not so the kicking game, which is solid, with Phil Insalaco back as the place-kicker and Gary Overgaww as the No. 1 punter.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE

The Penguins exited the Ohio Valley Conference with a bang last season, compiling an 8-4 record and sharing the league title with Eastern Kentucky. Jim Tressel earned Coach of the Year honors after transforming a team that lost nine of 11 games in 1986 to one that advanced to the I-AA playoffs. Tressel faces an even greater challenge this year as the Penguins, who now belong to the Independent ranks, play a schedule that includes four Division I-A teams as well as I-AA power Marshall.

Sparking the offense is senior tailback Lorenzo Davis. The Penguins' top rusher the past two years, Davis is a double threat: He ran for 663 yards, caught 49 passes for 637 yards, and scored six touchdowns. He should see plenty of daylight since a veteran line returns that features guards Mike Cummings (6-5, 260) and Don Svec (6-2, 260), tackles Jim Zdelar (6-6, 290) and John Bleshoy (6-6, 289), and center Joe Lucente (6-4, 270). Quarter-

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back Trenton Lykes will have to be replaced. Vying for his slot are junior Chris Gamble and soph Frank Edie. Florida transfer Lloyd Hopkins joins Maury Bibent (49 receptions) as the key receivers.

The defense is solid and Tressel plans on escalating State's "SPT" (shed, pursue, and tackle) philosophy of attack. Andre Peterson (6-3, 250), Lamar Davis (6-4, 250), and Jeff Stewart (6-3, 255) return on the line. They'll be joined by Tony Dunn (5-11, 260), who moves over from offensive guard. Paul Soltis, whose 155 tackles topped the OVC, anchors the line-backing corps. An All-America, he will be paired with Jerry Pacifico, who recorded his third straight 100-tackle season. The secondary has depth but Tressel is counting on back Jason Price, the unit's Most Valuable Player in 1986, to return to form. Pete Rekstis and John Matakovich are returning starters.

AKRON

Coach Gerry Faust's second year at Akron was not as successful as his first. The Zips reversed their 7-4 record of 1986, but that was to be expected. Playing Division I-A football for the first time, they faced stiffer competition—and with a relatively inexperienced squad, Faust, as always, remains confident. "We were really in every game except one," he said. This year the schedule is even tougher—it includes a date at Auburn.

Quarterback Andy Kubik completed 131 of 313 passes for 1,675 yards and 10 TDs as a soph. He also had 10 interceptions, which is one reason he will be pushed by transfer Steve Brown and redshirt freshman Jeff Sweitzer. Cornel Penland and Tracy Ellerbe are the wideouts (27 receptions between them in '87). Transfers Leonard Thomas and John Murray will see a lot of action. The top receiver is tight end Kurt Latell (35 for 466 yards). Tailback Derek Alston led all rushers with 689 yards. He'll share time with a group of backfield hopefuls that include Doug Lewis, Ozzie Jackson, and Tyrone Nelson. Fullback John Motton gained 436 yards. The line features a pair of three-year lettermen in tackle John Buddenberg (6-5, 255) and guard Shawn Fagan (6-3, 265). Jon Sussi, Al McCann, and Stacey Harris fill out the unit.

The defense will have to plug some line holes but the secondary returns intact, led by strong safety Chris Frowner and Robert Lyons, who earned honorable mention All-America. Cornerbacks Gary Tyler and Shannon Wolfe each had four interceptions. Linebackers Mike Rahich and Mike Felsoci were 1-2 in tackles. Curtis Williams also returns. Pierce Joiner and Scott Brown will be joined at the front by Jim Mars, Paul Hamilton, Clark Tatton, Vince Lombard, and Tyler Hinds.

Place-kicker Bom Dombrowski and punter Bill Rudison handle the kicking.

AUGUSTANA

America's winningest college football team in the 1980s may be a secret to much of the nation but not to the faithful of Rock Island, Illinois. The Vikings enter the fall with a 67-game regular-season unbeaten streak which dates back to October of 1980. A perennial power in Division III, Augustana failed to win a fifth consecutive championship when it lost, 38-36, to Dayton in the national quarterfinals last December. Coach Bob Reade (91-9-1 in nine years at Augustana) is confident that one loss will not spell the end of the dynasty.

Last season's offense outscored the opposition by 356 points in averaging 42.5 per game. Quarterback Greg Wallace must be replaced, by Mark Lanxon or sophs Brian Pottinger and Barry Reade (the coach's son). But the offense will be sparked by No. 2 rusher Paul Malito (777 yards and 9 TDs), fullback Erik Burgwald, and John Hitchcock. All-America John Bothe keys a line that returns Jeff Gorden, Phil Hasz, and Mike Presecky. Young Reade led the team in scoring (79 points, including a school-record 52 PATs).

The defense which limited opponents to an average of 10 points per game returns six starters: linebacker Frank Bojniewicz, linemen Bob Hoffman, Marlon Ricketts, and Steve Johannes, safety Jeff Weller, and cornerback Kevin DeBlicke.

DAYTON

(11-3) The Flyers pulled the stunner of the year in Division III football when they ended Augustana's 60-game unbeaten streak with a 38-36 upset in the playoffs. They went as far as the championship game before losing to Wagner, 19-3.

Despite the departure of six starters on each side of the ball, Dayton could get back to the playoffs for the fourth time in five years. It is a senior-dominated team with experienced replacements. The most significant loss was tailback Dave Jones, who rushed for 1,803 yards and 26 touchdowns. But there are lots of yards to go around in Mike Kelly's option I



offense and backup Tim Earley (156-836, 6 TDs) should fill Jones's shoes nicely.

Another departed starter is quarterback Kevin Wilhelm, who had a mediocre regular season and a great playoff. Kelly isn't worried about replacing him since Scott Hullinger, who had won the job before hurting his knee in the final preseason scrimmage last year, is healthy and ready to claim the spot. He'll have two quality receivers in Tim Eubank (52-869) and James Keys, who missed last year with a knee injury after leading the team in catches in '86. The line is solid with three returning starters in guards Gordy Massa and Jeff Nudera and tackle Pat DiGiacomo. Greg Paul, who backed up every spot on the line, will start at center, and Steve Harder, who started in the playoffs, is the other tackle.

The secondary is the strength of the defense, with three returning starters, including free safety Sean Kenneally, who had six interceptions. Tim Alber is the only regular lineman back and Shawn Busch will start at end. Brad Crowe, who led the team in tackles, is the one returning linebacker.

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EASTERN KENTUCKY

Eastern Kentucky's reputation as a football factory was enhanced last season when three Colonels were drafted by NFL teams and a fourth signed as a free agent. But to coach Roy Kidd, that only means he has some big shoes to fill. The biggest loss was defensive tackle Aaron Jones, a first-round draft pick of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Safety and kick returner Danny Copeland went to Cleveland, offensive guard John Jackson to Pittsburgh, and tailback James Crawford was signed as a free agent by the Dallas Cowboys.

Crawford will be missed the least because he shared playing time with Elroy Harris, a 1,000-yard rusher who some believe is the best back Eastern has had. The offense also has quarterback Lorenzo Fields and wide receivers Randy Bohler and Mike Cadore. Fullbacks Calvin Gillis and Gil Whitehouse will share time, allowing 1987 starter Oscar Angulo to return to his former position of tight end. How good this bevy of backs can become depends on the line, where only center Mike Delvisco and guard Mike Kelly return.

Eastern Kentucky, 9-3 and a Division I-AA quarterfinalist, can field a letterman at every defensive position. Jessie Small is a fine end, and the backfield has veterans Sean McGuire, Robbie Andrews, Kelly Cutright and Myron Guyton.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

The Blue Raiders' defense has everybody back, while the offense returns quarterback Marvin Collier. In both cases, there is fuel for optimism. Although only 6-5, Middle Tennessee tied for third place in the OVC with a 4-2 record. Because of his veteran defense, coach Boots Donnelly probably can buy time until his inexperienced offense is shaped into form by fourth-year starter Collier.

The defense is built around all-conference end Kenny Tippins, with Brent Shepard, Tony Bradley, and Marty Euverard strengthening the line. Tommy Barnes and Chuck Swafford stand out in the secondary, where Dejuan Buford was all-conference in 1986. Buford sat out last season for disciplinary reasons.

Collier's junior season saw a slight falloff as he completed only 56 of 140 passes for 923 yards. But his versatility is shown by 136 carries for 470 yards. A major problem will be the loss of his four top receivers: Mike Pittman, Gerald Anderson, Robert Alford, and Garrett Self. A tailback, Anderson also rushed for 980 yards and 11 touchdowns, and will be succeeded by Ricky Martin (224 yards in 44 carries). Middle Tennessee lost everyone in its offensive line except John Tate.

TENNESSEE STATE

The Tigers, who before 1987 had averaged eight wins a season over 12 years, can claim an offensive line that has 280-pound James Wilkerson, 270-pound Amzie Smith and La-

mar Love, and 260-pound Mike Jackson. They should supply quarterback Stacy Gear with ample time to set up. Gear completed 102 of 206 passes for 1,316 yards. Although the Tigers lost receivers Frank Pillow and Terance Harris, Gear still can throw to Gary Hock, Alvin Griffin, and Donald Lewis. Melvin Waters is the top returning back, but Eric Gray and Sean Malone should help.

The defense is led by linebacker Roderick Reed, whose 197 tackles set a school record. Defensive end Anthony Pleasant has been called a Richard Dent clone, and other key defenders include cornerback Ben Robinson, linebacker Lee Smith, and linemen Chris Sims and Karl Chatman.

MURRAY STATE

Junior quarterback Michael Proctor set an Ohio Valley one-season passing record with 2,375 yards, but the Racers are shaping up as a one-man team. Proctor completed 152 of 287 passes for 12 touchdowns and rushed 72 times for 197 yards, but now must operate with an inexperienced backfield and fledgling receivers. Running backs Bill Bird and Willie Cannon are gone, and Rodney Payne is expected to be academically ineligible. That leaves sophomore Michael Davis as the likely tailback, and coach Mike Mahoney has experimented with the wishbone to boost the attack. Murray State also lost its top receiver, Stanley Howard. Richard Miller had 20 receptions as a walk-on freshman. Former quarterback Glen Arterburn had 23. Both, however,

are possession receivers; the only deep threat will be Marc Murray, who sat out last season to concentrate on his studies. The line includes center Marshall Sills and tackles Eric Crigler and Richard Watson.

The Racers' defense should be adequate, although their top five tacklers graduated. Tim Broady, who had five interceptions in Murray's 6-5 season, will move from cornerback to safety, and end Joe March may be used at inside linebacker. Starting tackles Jim Murphy and Lance Golden return, and the linebackers include Danny Amato, Tony Clark, and Shelton Burruss. JC transfer Eddie DeLeon and Tony Thornton are the cornerbacks.

MOREHEAD STATE

The Eagles have but 13 seniors back from a 2-8 season, and their hopes of progressing must rest with sophomore quarterback Chris Swartz. The 6-3, 200-pound Swartz passed for 1,726 yards, more than Phil Simms or any other Morehead freshman ever achieved. He completed exactly half of his 304 passes. Morehead's 1987 season was disrupted when head coach Bill Baldridge suffered a blockage in his heart, but the coach has returned in good health. Many others didn't return, however, including tailbacks D.D. Harrison and Jonathon Cage and receiver Monty Webster. Rodney Gordon and Richard Cameron will share fullback duties and sophomore Jerome Williams will be the tailback. Swartz's favorite target probably will be 5-9 Dave Pingue, who had 31 catches. Morehead State also has

three dependable tight ends in Kenny White, John Hayden, and Brent Huffman. Four starters return in the offensive line: center Jeff Jacobs, tackle Randy Mills, and guards Garry McPeck and Joe Gagliano.

The entire secondary of Greg Mitchell, Monty McIntyre, Mike Turner, and Kenny Meadows is back, and Darrell Beavers could force his way past one of them. Scott Carlson, a transfer from Kansas, is included in a defensive line that comprises David Gifford, Dennis Guillaume, and Neil Wilson.

TENNESSEE TECH

The Golden Eagles' only returnees on offense are wide receivers. Kenneth Gilstrap was all-conference and caught 42 passes for 729 yards. The other veteran, Marc Campbell, had 10 catches for 125 yards. Whether Tennessee

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Tech has anyone who can get them the ball remains to be seen, but junior quarterback Thomas DeBow had a good spring. Candidates at running back are junior-college transfer Jackie Williams, the little-used James Hird, and whatever freshmen want to try out.

Coach Jim Ragland is more optimistic about his defense, where eight starters are back. Veterans in the line are ends John Barksdale and Marion Placide and tackles Curtis Hissam and Jo Jo Swafford. Safety Jimmy Isom had five interceptions and 78 tackles. Other defenders with experience include linebacker Gerald Sinkfield, cornerback Frankie Bankhead, and roverback Mike Thornton.

AUSTIN PEAY

Paul Brewster, having been on Emory Hale's staff, knows what he is getting into as the new coach of the Governors. As a start, three-year tailback Mike Lewis has been declared ineligible. He gained more than 1,000 yards in 1986, but last season the offensive line was so inexperienced that he was limited to 486. Anthony Simmons and Joe Warren now loom as the tailbacks. Sammy Gholston was about to be redshirted in '87 when regular quarterback Dale Edwards broke his leg in the second game. Considering that Austin Peay had upset Kansas State in its opener, the injury may have turned the season into the 2-9 disaster it became. Gholston responded well, however, completing 23 of 49 passes for 312 yards against Cincinnati. He also showed great resiliency, being sacked 24 times in a season that saw Austin Peay quarterbacks sacked 42 times as a group. Rico Ransom, one of last year's quarterbacks, may get hit less at wide receiver, where he found time to catch 16 passes. Gholston will operate behind a new line, with former defensive tackles Garry Gordon and Jaime Hagen moved over.

The defense returns linebackers Robert Joy and Calvin Johnson, who had 100 and 97 tackles, respectively. The entire secondary is gone, but former quarterbacks Jerome Morris and Adrian Webster are expected to help there. Ex-receiver Elzie Anderson was moved to strong safety.

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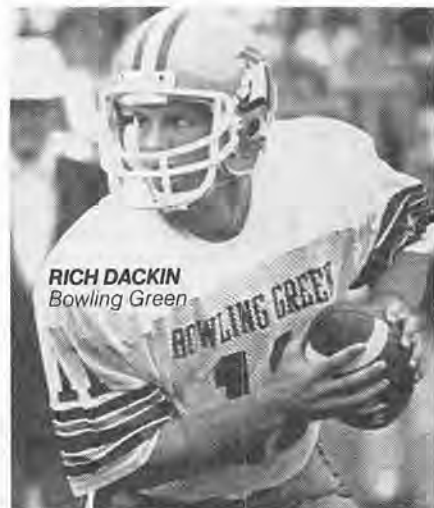
Now that Eastern Michigan's program has risen from the ashes, can Kent State's be far behind? Only five years ago both teams were 1-10, that coming one season after Kent had gone 0-11 and Eastern Michigan 1-9. Eastern also was 0-11 in 1981. Should Kent win the MAC it would be the eighth different school to do so in 11 years. The Golden Flashes (7-4) drifted out of the conference to beat Kansas and lose to Pittsburgh.

New coach Dick Crum can start his program around 13 returning starters. Those include tailback Eric Wilkerson, the league's Most Valuable Player and the national leader in all-purpose yardage. The 5-9, 180-pound senior rushed for 111 yards a game and had eight 100-plus days. The Flashes will receive a big boost when quarterback Patrick Young, the 1986 MAC Freshman of the Year, returns after missing almost the entire '87 season with a dislocated hip. Wilkerson and Leroy Edmonds will return behind a line with four returning starters, including the league's best center in Chip Curtis.

Defensively, Crum needs some replacements up front to go with tackle Bert Weidner and linebacker John Massimiani, but his secondary is intact and features Jamie Howell and Tony Wells.

EASTERN MICHIGAN

The Hurons' 7-1 record in the league was built on an excellent offense that produced eight outbursts of at least 30 points. But quarterback Ron Adams and tailback Gary Patton, both departed, provided the bulk of that attack. Coach Jim Harkema must replace nine starters, including the defensive line. Other-



RICH DACKIN
Bowling Green

wise, his defensive unit is intact and includes Keith Bertram and Scott Wyka at inside linebackers and Charles Gordon and Tom Menard in the secondary.

Three offensive linemen are missing, but center Jim Colosimo will be a good man to build around. And Harkema believes tailback Bob Foster is ready to blossom into a big-time runner. The Hurons led the conference in total offense and rushing offense while passing for only 132 yards a game. Patton averaged 101 yards and Adams, while throwing sparingly, completed 53 percent. Other leading returnees are receivers Bill Kupp, Craig Ostrander, and Mark Ziegler.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

The Chippewas will be going for their 25th consecutive non-losing season, but in Nos. 23 and 24 they came precariously close to ending that streak. They went 5-5-1 last year (a modest 3-4-1 in the league) and 5-5 in 1986. Central Michigan was the only Mid-American team to beat Eastern Michigan last year, but coach Herb Deromedi's club lost four games by 10 or fewer points.

The Chippewas claim eight returning starters on offense and six on defense, including quality nose guard Scott Alferink, inside linebacker George Ricumstrict, and back Durand Robertson. The offense will be built around running back John Hood, an all-Mid-American selection who gained 1,121 yards and averaged 5.4 per carry. The biggest problem for Deromedi may be finding a quarterback, but wide receiver Eric Reed will make anyone look good. Reed averaged 15 yards for each of 43 catches. The offensive line is led by center Ralph Newland, guard Chuck Pellegrini, and tackle Brian Smallbone, but Mike Dillon and Bob Stebbins must be replaced.

BOWLING GREEN

The Falcons were hatched from good football stock, having finished first or second in the conference the past six seasons. But coach Moe Ankney must replace 10 starters.

Quarterback Rich Dackin was second-team all-MAC and will be blessed with talented receivers led by Ronald Heard, Reggie Thornton, and Kyle Hockman. Dackin completed 57 percent of his passes and led the MAC in total offense, but his 16 interceptions placed him third in the league. Thornton had 47 catches, tight end Hockman 37.

The Falcons, whose 5-3 league record tied them with Kent State and Miami, lost three offensive linemen along with four stalwarts on the defensive line. Still around is strong safety Kyle Kramer, who had 75 solo tackles among his 139 stops. Mike Holmes also is a tested defensive back, and the linebacking corps is led by Charles Dotson.

Bowling Green's running game was only eighth in the conference, meaning that 237-pound fullback Shawn Daniels and 229-pound tailback Mike McGee will be under the gun to produce this season.

BALL STATE

The Cardinals (4-7) had some outstanding outings in '87 but never attained consistency. They led Wisconsin in the fourth quarter before losing, 30-13. They beat Kent State and lost only 35-28 at Eastern Michigan.

Ball State led the conference in defense in 1986 and hopes to return to that standard of



JOHN HOOD
Central Michigan

excellence behind linebacker Greg Garnica, whose 17.1 tackles a game led the league for the second successive season. He had 110 solo stops, including nine behind the line. Garnica also caused four fumbles, recovered two, intercepted one pass and broke up seven others. Another returning linebacker is Tim Walton, while the secondary includes Darryl Wesley and Todd Finnell.

David Riley is expected to be the starting quarterback, and tailback Bernie Parmalee looks to expand on an excellent freshman season in which he rushed for 1,064 yards. The line is headed by center Ted Ashburn and guard Brian Outlaw.

MIAMI

The Redskins have finished no worse than tied for second in the conference in the past three years, yet coach Tim Rose's club was only 5-6 overall in 1987. And with only eight

starters returning on offense and defense, Miami faces a likely falloff.

Tackle Randy Gebhardt, guard Chris Trainor, and receiver John Stofa are the only regulars back on offense, where major concerns include developing a starting quarterback and running back from a group of inexperienced candidates. In addition, one of Miami's biggest losses was place-kicker Gary Gussman, who was successful on 20 of 25 field-goal attempts.

Rose must replace six starters on defense but keeps tackles Bob Getz and Mark Cristell, linebacker Jerry Prochko, and backs Jim Harnett and Scott Barnett. Chuck Konrad, an all-conference punter, could see much service.

Miami lost its three non-conference games, but the caliber of competition robbed the Redskins of a likely winning season. The Redskins lost 24-10 at Syracuse, but were overpowered by Miami of Florida, 54-3. The other loss was to Cincinnati, 31-26.

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Al Molde's first year in Kalamazoo saw the Broncos improve their 3-8 record in 1986 to 5-6, including a 4-4 conference slate. And with 16 starters returning, Western Michigan looks for additional progress.

The Broncos finished fast, winning their last two games after a 23-17 loss to Eastern Michigan and a 30-27 defeat to Central Michigan. With Tony Kimbrough at quarterback, Western averaged 27 points in its final four games. The Broncos have speed and depth at wide

receiver, led by track-and-field All-America Jamie Hence and brothers Allan and Bruce Boyke. Hence had 181 reception yards against Ohio University and 174 against Central Michigan.

A pair of fifth-year seniors, Kevin Haverdink and Gary VanderWeele, both exceed 270 pounds and are among eight returning starters on defense. End Joel Smeenge, linebacker Eric Hoffman, and backs Bert Henderson and Willie Berrios offer experience.

TOLEDO

The Rockets won two of their first three games, then hit the skids. Their next eight outings resulted in six losses and a tie, leading to a 3-4-1 conference record. Such a season bitterly disappointed coach Dan Simrell, whose club had a strong finish in '86 and received support to win the '87 title.

Simrell has a pair of experienced quarterbacks in Mark Melfi and Steve Keene and there is depth at tailback with David Rohrs, Allen Smiley, and Neil Trotter. All three had 100-yard rushing games in '87 and will benefit from a big offensive line led by tackle Ken Moyer, center George Linberger, and twin guards Todd and Tim Olsen.

Toledo lost six defensive starters but keeps end Tom Gruno and Mike McCreary. The secondary is a strong point with Jon Bowsher and Dewayne Fletcher present. The Rockets' biggest personnel losses were tackles Paul Sandor and Bryan Gabel, linebacker Steve Huffman, and free safety Pat Delaney.

OHIO

Attempts by former Bobcat quarterback Cleve Bryant to rebuild the school's football team proved futile again in 1987 as Ohio went 1-10 for the second consecutive season. Ohio defeated Marshall in its second game and didn't embarrass itself in its fourth, a 28-0 loss at Kentucky. But the Bobcats' only other flirt with victory was a 10-9 loss at Miami.

This year Bryant will welcome 16 returning starters. Nine starters are back on the offensive unit, including sophomore quarterback Anthony Thornton, center Ron Rogers, and Brian Faut. Ohio is deep at wide receiver with Clyde Felman, Ollie Perkins, and Bobby Cameron. John Caldwell leaves a void at tailback.

On defense, Bryant retains linebackers Bill Garrett and John Evangelista and backs Devlin Culliver and Lester Hardley. Seven defensive starters in all return, plus a number of youngsters who saw extensive duty.






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SPRINGFIELD UNION

● Running back Craig Heyward of Pittsburgh and wide receiver Tommy Kane of Syracuse passed up a final year of eligibility to turn professional. The status of a third standout, Penn State running back Blair Thomas, remains uncertain because of major knee surgery last winter. But the East is not without outstanding, proven performers.

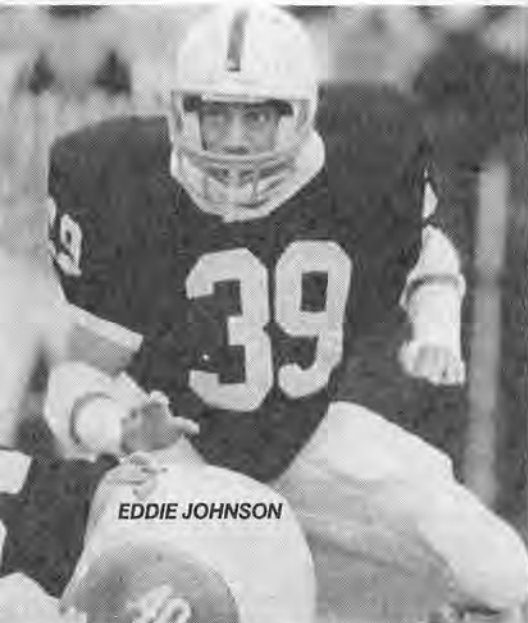
Boston College still has Mike Power, one of the nation's top quarterbacks. This slick senior passed for 2,071 yards (133 of 233) and 10 touchdowns last year. Record-breaking split end Darren Flutie is gone, but Power still has Tom Waddle, who caught 43 passes for 781 yards, and several other fine receivers.

Scott Erney returns at Rutgers, where he threw for 1,369 yards in just eight games and part of a ninth. He set school records before he was felled by a minor knee injury in late season after guiding the Scarlet Knights to a 5-2 start.

West Virginia boasts one of the most versatile quarterbacks around in sophomore Major Harris. He accounted for 1,815 yards and 16 touchdowns rushing and passing last year as the Mountaineers rebounded from a 4-7 record in 1986. Teammate A. B. Brown barely missed 1,000 yards rushing, though hampered by leg problems.

Temple thinks Todd McNair could be the best tailback in the East. He netted 1,058 yards in 1987. Rutgers is equally high on Henry Henderson, who had four 100-yard performances and averaged 5.4 per rush. Navy has place-kicker Ted Fundoukos, who booted a school-record 10 consecutive field goals.

Those are some of the leading glamour guys. But they all know that what's up front is vital, and there's a heap of talent here and there at nearly every line position. The region also has its usual lion's share of defensive standouts, including Pittsburgh sophomore tackle Mark Spindler.



EDDIE JOHNSON

Penn State looms as the team to beat for the Lambert/Meadowlands Trophy, which Syracuse captured last year in going 11-0-1. But the race should be considerably closer than it was in 1987, when Syracuse established clear-cut superiority behind quarterback Don McPherson, who has graduated. Certainly a healthy Thomas would be a big boost to Penn State, where veteran coach Joe Paterno topped the 200-victory plateau in his 22nd season. The Nittany Lions should be stronger than they were last fall (8-4).

Pittsburgh expects to challenge, along with West Virginia, Boston College, Syracuse, and Rutgers. "I think any of these six teams is capable of coming out on top," said Don Nehlen, whose West Virginia squad could be the best in his nine years.

Fourteen starters return at Pittsburgh from a team that also finished 8-4 in Mike Gottfried's second year. The Panthers hope to be more productive on offense, despite the loss of Heyward, mainly because of a nearly all-veteran line. The big question is whether the defense can develop into a formidable unit with at least two true freshmen in the lineup.

West Virginia has all but five starters from last year, when the Mountaineers (6-6) lost five games by a combined total of only 15 points. Syracuse needed a touchdown and two-point conversion with just 10 seconds left to pull out a 32-31 win in the Carrier Dome. That transpired a few hours after the Orange had formally accepted a Sugar Bowl bid.

Syracuse still has 1987 Coach of the Year Dick MacPherson and 27 lettermen. But it's certain to miss Don McPherson, last year's most honored quarterback, as well as Kane and All-America lineman Ted Gregory. A September 10 game at Ohio State may serve as an early indicator of how well the Orange will do in defense of the mythical Eastern title.

With Power at the controls, Boston College figures to regain a winning record, having slipped to 5-6 last year. Coach Jack Bicknell has to tackle a tougher schedule that includes intersectional games against Southern Cal, Tennessee, and Texas Christian.

Rutgers' Scarlet Knights expect to show more improvement, thanks to Erney's return from last year's 6-5 team. Coach Dick Anderson is keeping his fingers crossed in hopes that key performers stay healthy.

Injuries hurt Temple's Owls last season after a strong start dwindled into a 4-7 disappointment. Coach Bruce Arians thinks this year's team will be stronger, though it may be overmatched by a difficult schedule showing just four home games.

Army, 5-6 in 1987, anticipates higher returns from a squad which includes 45 lettermen. A great deal depends on how well coach Jim Young rebuilds his offense, which is minus wishbone quarterback Tory Crawford (3,949 career yards).

Defense is the key at Navy, where Elliot Uzelac begins his second season with only 27 lettermen. The Middies won just two games last year.

Further improvement is expected at Northeastern. Coach Paul Pawlak's goal: eight victories and a spot in the Division I-AA playoffs.

Holy Cross coach Mark Duffner was named Kodak Division I-AA Coach of the Year as his 11-0 team topped the final NCAA rankings. But the Crusaders were prevented from competing for the title through the playoffs because the Colonial League does not permit postseason competition. However, Holy Cross will continue to dominate the Colonial because, under a strange arrangement when it joined the league, it is still the only school of the six allowed to give scholarships.

Lafayette, with a good quarterback and 18 starters back, seems to be the best of the rest. Colgate must overcome the loss of tailback Kenny Gamble, who ran for more all-purpose yardage than anyone in the history of college football. Bucknell also has some good players returning and should improve. Davidson is still struggling to turn its program around.

Harvard eked out its third Ivy League crown of the 1980s, its first outright title in 12 years, and looks to be the slight favorite again in what should be a race as wide open as an Ivy offense in 1988.

Princeton coach Steve Tosches did a remarkable job after taking over for the late Ron Rogerson, who died just before preseason camp. Tosches guided the Tigers to a 6-4 record, their first winner since 1981, and will put the heat on Harvard with a high-powered offense. Brown (7-3) had its best record in over a decade and came within a 14-9 loss to Harvard of sharing the Ivy crown. But—gulp!—31 seniors have departed and the Bruins will be hard-pressed to repeat their success. Yale, which tied Brown for second, must overhaul its offense. Cornell has enough talent to be the surprise team of the league. Penn will

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1. Penn State, 2. Pittsburgh, 3. West Virginia, 4. Boston College, 5. Syracuse, 6. Rutgers, 7. Army, 8. Temple, 9. Navy, 10. Northeastern

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pennsylvania conference

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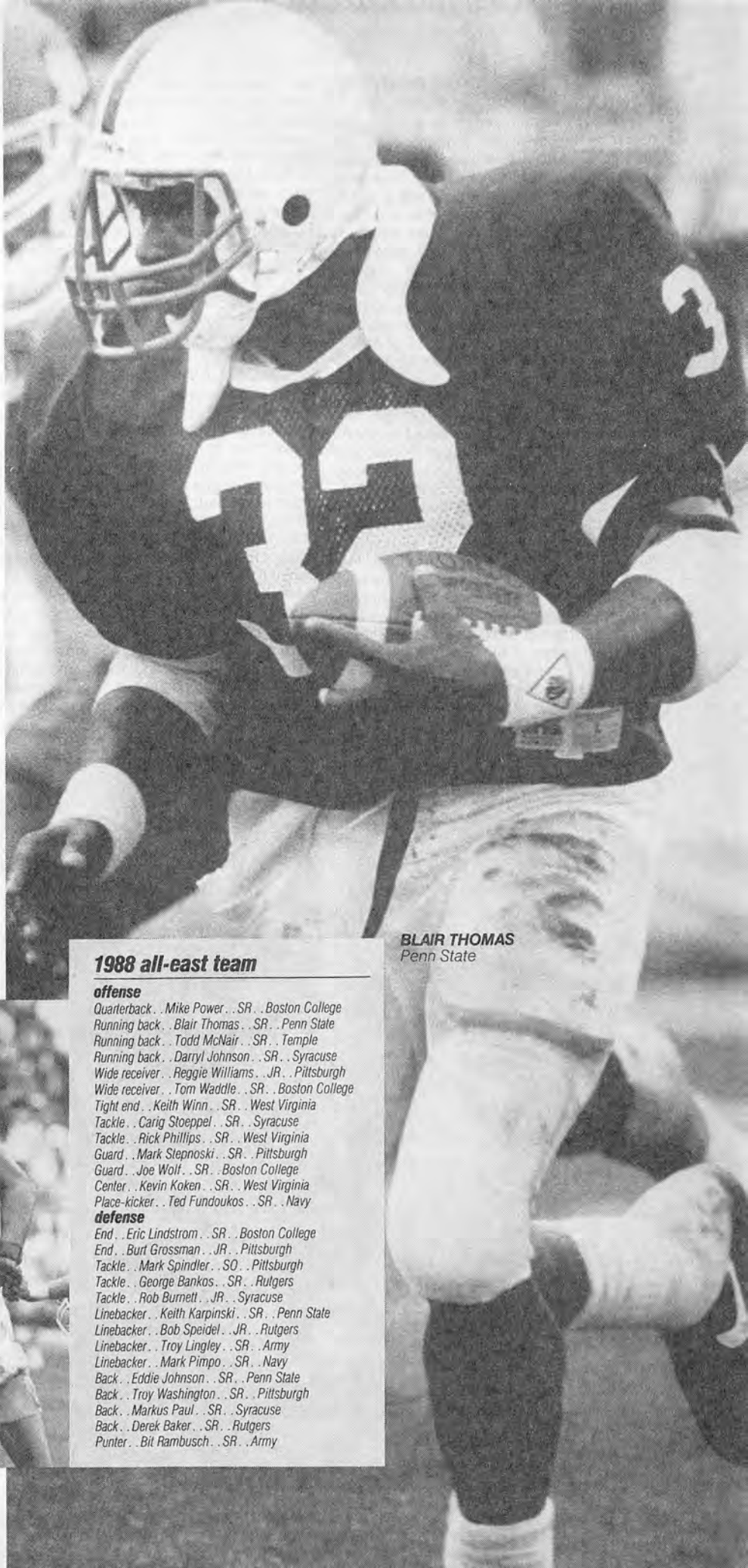
continue to rebuild after its first losing record (4-6) since 1981. Dartmouth (2-8) struggled under young coach Buddy Teevens and the Big Green isn't a threat to add to its 13 Ivy League titles.

Columbia is a threat—to win its first game since 1983. The Lions have lost 41 in a row and haven't won in their past 44 games. They came ever so close last season, almost knocking off both Dartmouth and Brown, and their improvement should finally pay a dividend in 1988.

Should Richmond be favored to repeat in the Yankee Conference? Massachusetts coach Jim Reid thinks so, "because they have a great, great tailback. He beat us and Maine single-handedly." That Richmond terror is Erwin Matthews, a big-play senior who set an NCAA Division I-AA record with six touchdowns in a 52-51 overtime win over UMass last year. Maine also has reason to feel it belongs back in the title hunt and Villanova, the new kid on the block, bears serious consideration. Connecticut and New Hampshire, both coming off winning seasons, and always-tough Delaware are the others figured to be in the battle for the beanpot. The only coaching change in the now nine-team circuit is at Boston University, where Chris Palmer has taken over. The BU-Richmond game will be set in the first annual Imperial Bowl on October 16 in London, England.

In the Little Three, that ancient rivalry among Amherst, Williams, and Wesleyan, they talk about cycles. A year ago, Williams ended Amherst's six-year stranglehold on the "Potted Ivy" competition with a 25-7 victory. When they meet in November for the 103rd time, Williams will be favored to repeat. Before Amherst's six-year run, Williams had either won or tied for the title for 10 straight years. And how about Wesleyan? The Cardinals from Middletown, Connecticut have not reigned as champions since 1970, but this could be their year to make some trouble.

**STEVE
WISNIEWSKI**



BLAIR THOMAS
Penn State

1988 all-east team

offense

Quarterback . . . Mike Power . . . SR . . . Boston College
Running back . . . Blair Thomas . . . SR . . . Penn State
Running back . . . Todd McNair . . . SR . . . Temple
Running back . . . Darryl Johnson . . . SR . . . Syracuse
Wide receiver . . . Reggie Williams . . . JR . . . Pittsburgh
Wide receiver . . . Tom Waddle . . . SR . . . Boston College
Tight end . . . Keith Winn . . . SR . . . West Virginia
Tackle . . . Carig Stoeppel . . . SR . . . Syracuse
Tackle . . . Rick Phillips . . . SR . . . West Virginia
Guard . . . Mark Slepinski . . . SR . . . Pittsburgh
Guard . . . Joe Wolf . . . SR . . . Boston College
Center . . . Kevin Koken . . . SR . . . West Virginia
Place-kicker . . . Ted Fundoukos . . . SR . . . Navy

defense

End . . . Eric Lindstrom . . . SR . . . Boston College
End . . . Burt Grossman . . . JR . . . Pittsburgh
Tackle . . . Mark Spindler . . . SO . . . Pittsburgh
Tackle . . . George Bankos . . . SR . . . Rutgers
Tackle . . . Rob Burnett . . . JR . . . Syracuse
Linebacker . . . Keith Karpinski . . . SR . . . Penn State
Linebacker . . . Bob Spidel . . . JR . . . Rutgers
Linebacker . . . Troy Lingley . . . SR . . . Army
Linebacker . . . Mark Pimpo . . . SR . . . Navy
Back . . . Eddie Johnson . . . SR . . . Penn State
Back . . . Troy Washington . . . SR . . . Pittsburgh
Back . . . Markus Paul . . . SR . . . Syracuse
Back . . . Derek Baker . . . SR . . . Rutgers
Punter . . . Bit Rambusch . . . SR . . . Army

independents**PENN STATE**

The Nittany Lions are certain to be among the nation's elite again. But veteran coach Joe Paterno faces fall drills still seeking answers to some nagging questions. Foremost is whether tailback Blair Thomas can bounce back from last January's major reconstructive knee surgery. His 1,414 yards last season, the third-best rushing total in school history, were highly instrumental in an 8-3 record. Thomas missed the Florida Citrus Bowl loss to Clemson. Six other holdovers, including starters John Greene at fullback and Aoatoa Polamalu at nose guard, missed most or all of spring practice. That necessitated more shuffling of positions than usual.

Paterno must settle on a successor to quarterback Matt Knizner. Junior Tom Bill, the most experienced, is being pressed by senior Lance Loneragan. The absence of Thomas and Greene in the spring opened up opportunities for Leroy Thompson and Gary Brown and fullback Sam Gash. Brown was the No. 3 rusher (273 yards), while Thompson was voted Penn State's offensive MVP with 201 all-purpose yards in the Citrus Bowl. Sean Redman, returned to tailback from fullback, was the biggest surprise of the spring. Speedy Michael Timpson, an Olympic track hopeful, heads a receiving corps hit hard by graduation. Efforts to get another year of eligibility for Ray Roundtree were rejected by the NCAA. Joe Markiewicz, Dave Daniels, Terry Smith, and ex-tailback Odell Wilson are other fine receivers.

All-America senior guard Steve Wisniewski (6-4, 260) and junior center Roger Duffy (6-2, 265) will anchor an offensive line which lost three regulars. Senior tackle Tim Freeman (6-5, 263), who started four games, also is back. Other leading aspirants include Eric Jonas-

sen, Dave Brzenchek, Jeff Brubaker, Mike Flanagan, and Rob Luedeke. The prime contender for tight end is Dave Jakob, backed up by Kevin O'Keefe and John Wolfe. Bob Mrosko, the No. 2 tight end, has been moved to defensive tackle. Eric Etze and Ray Tarasi again will share the place-kicking.

There will be six new starters on defense. Polamalu (6-0, 252) at nose guard is the only returnee among the front three. Other experienced linemen include Irv Bellamy (5-11, 247), Rich Schonewolf (6-4, 260), and Dave Szott (6-4, 250). All-star candidate Keith Karpinski and Scott Gob, both seniors, are hold-over regulars at outside and inside linebacker, respectively. Part-time starters returning include Quintus McDonald and Andre Powell. Safety Brian Chizmar, the Lions' leading tackler and interceptor last year as a sophomore, and classy cornerback Eddie Johnson are outstanding in the secondary. Soph Willie Thomas started the final two games, after Johnson pulled a hamstring, and could claim the other cornerback spot. Hard-hitting Andre Collins's move to inside linebacker leaves Sherrod Ränge as the most experienced free safety. David Helkowski is the replacement for punter Chris Claus.

Most observers figure the Nittany Lions to reclaim No. 1 status among the eastern independents after a year's absence. "I like this team," Paterno said. "But it's going to be young. It's going to struggle. It's going to have to get some things done just on sheer intensity. We're not going to be as good early as we probably will be after we've played six or seven games."

PITTSBURGH

Mike Gottfried turned fortunes around in his second season as the Panthers' ringmaster last year. They achieved their first winning season and made their first bowl appearance since 1983, going 8-3 before bowing to Texas in the Bluebonnet. "It's been tough but enjoyable and now we have something invested," said Gottfried. With 14 holdover starters and 23 other lettermen available, he intends to build on that investment. A schedule which again shows seven home games should help.

All-America Craig "Ironhead" Heyward's decision to forgo his senior year of eligibility leaves Pitt with just one experienced tailback, Adam Walker. Heyward bulled his way to 1,791 yards and scored 12 touchdowns. But highly heralded Brian Davis, who left Pitt after gaining 298 yards as a freshman in 1985, has returned from junior-college academic rehabilitation. To further bolster the running attack, Gottfried has moved Dan Crossman and Eric Holzworth from defense to fullback. Ronald Redmon, Shaon Berry, and Steve Gahr could help. Soph Darnell Dickerson, who missed spring practice while recuperating from knee surgery, is the quarterback. Larry Wanke also got experience as a freshman. Junior Reggie Williams returns at split end, where he caught a team-high 31 passes for 535 yards last year. Bill Osborn (26 receptions) will share flanker with Hosea Heard, who averaged 27.2 yards on six catches and scored four touchdowns. "We'll open it up and throw more," Gottfried said. "We'd like to play more of a multiple offense." The tight end, used more as a third tackle than as a pass receiver, will be Tom Huebner. Vernon Kirk and David Tanczos also have experience.

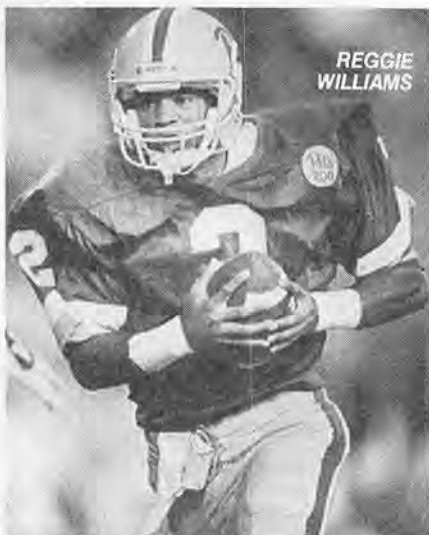
The offensive line should be one of the Panthers' strengths. It's also one area with adequate depth. All-America candidate Mark Stepnoski (6-3, 265) will be at one guard, with Chris Goetz (6-3, 275) and Bill Cherpak (6-4, 270) at the other. Dean Caliguire (6-3, 265) has been moved to fill the void at center. Roman Matusz (6-5, 270) and Tom Ricketts (6-5, 285) are holdover starters at tackle.

Members of another highly rated recruiting class are expected to provide immediate help on defense, especially at linebacker and in the secondary. Foremost among those are

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Pittsburgh



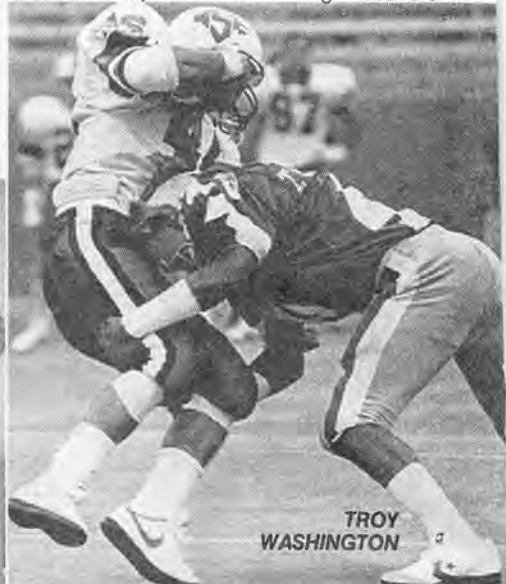
REGGIE WILLIAMS



BURT GROSSMAN



TROY WASHINGTON



linebackers Curtis Bray and Mike Chalenski. The Panthers will be as formidable as ever up front. Burt Grossman (6-6, 260) excels at one end, with Carnel Smith (6-3, 245) taking over at the other. Marc Spindler (6-5, 270), who led all linemen with 106 tackles as a freshman, and redshirt frosh Richard Allen are the tackles, backed up by Eric Seaman, who started six games at tight end. Jerry Olsavsky should be a steadying influence as the middle linebacker. He had his second consecutive 100-plus-tackle season, despite missing four games with a knee injury. All-America Zeke Gadson and Jerry Wall left question marks at the other linebacking spots. Jeff Christy likely will take over from Wall. Prentiss Wright was a spring standout after being moved from fullback. Eryck Griffin and Craig Gob saw significant action last year. All-star candidate Troy Washington at free safety is the only returning regular in the secondary. Louis Riddick could be the starting strong safety after having played fullback in 1987. Cornell Holloway is the leading candidate at one corner. The other could be claimed by junior-college transfer Alonzo Hampton. Robert Bradley, Chris Ross, and Dave Coleman also are in the picture.

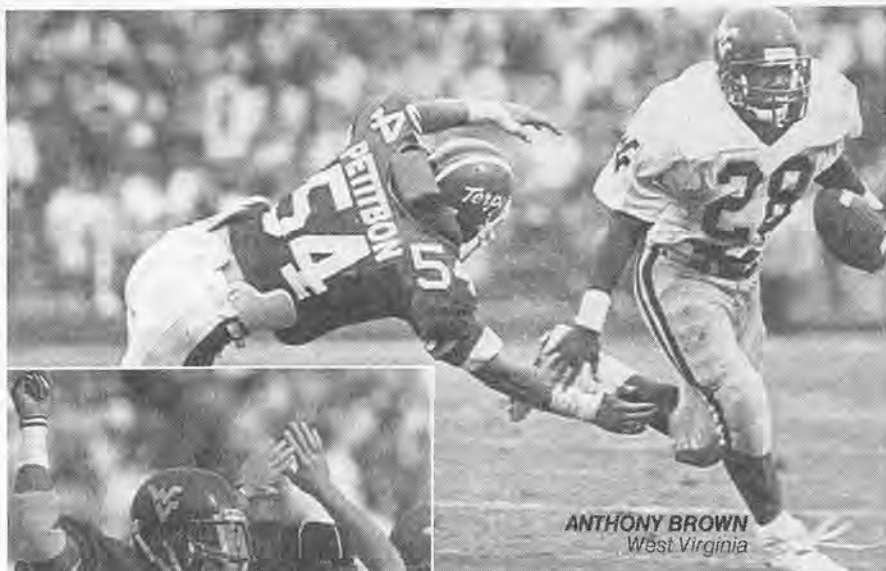
Both place-kicker Jeff Van Horne and punter John Rasp hope to regain 1986 form after disappointing seasons last year.

WEST VIRGINIA

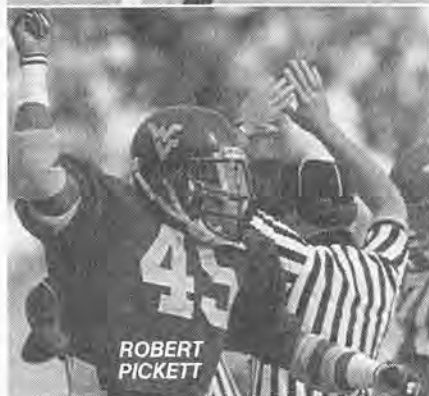
Could this be the year the Mountaineers finally reach the top as "Beast of the East"? They think so. They're loaded with experienced performers and show more depth at nearly all positions. To beat out the region's perennial powers, though, they must be able to win the close games. That's something they couldn't do last year en route to a 6-5 record, plus a 35-33 loss to Oklahoma State in the Sun Bowl. Five of the defeats came by a combined total of 15 points.

West Virginia returns all but five starters for its ninth season under Don Nehlen. Major Harris heads an explosive, multiple offense which averaged 35.1 points over the final eight games of 1987. He was the nation's most productive freshman quarterback, passing and running for 1,815 yards and 16 touchdowns. Receivers John Talley and Harvey Smith are gone, but tight end Keith Winn and wideouts Calvin Phillips and Grantis Bell return. Senior tailback A.B. Brown, whose 975 yards were the most by a Mountaineer since 1980, will spearhead the rushing again. Undra Johnson (593 yards) and Eugene Napoleon lend support. Fullback Craig Taylor will get calls in short-yardage situations besides supplying strong blocking. The line remains intact for the third year. All-star candidates Kevin Koken (6-2, 263) at center and Rick Phillips (6-4, 262) at tackle lead the way, with tackle Brian Smider (6-4, 297) and guards John Stroia (6-3, 262) and Bob Kovach (6-2, 270).

Defensively, West Virginia is expected to be improved in every area under first-year coordinator Bob Shaw. He is bent on creating more turnovers and coming up with key stops, two ingredients sorely missing last season. Chris Parker (6-5, 280), one holdover tackle, will be joined by Mike Fox (6-6, 260). The middle guard will be Scott Summits (6-3, 278) or James Fuller (6-1, 250). Veterans Robert Pickett, Dale Jackson, Renaldo Turnbull, Lonnie Brockman, and Theron Ellis will share outside linebacking duties. The inside linebackers in-



ANTHONY BROWN
West Virginia



ROBERT PICKETT
West Virginia

clude holdover starters Darnell Warren and Chris Haering, with Eric Lester and Ted Kester. Strong safety Bo Orlando is the best of the defensive backs. Preston Waters returns at once corner, with Alvoid Mays challenging Willie Edwards at the other. Redshirt freshman Darrell Whitmore is the probable replacement for Terry White at free safety.

The kicking game should be strong. Charlie Baumann was 13-for-16 in field goals. Punter Lance Carion averaged 40.2 yards.

West Virginia has had only one undefeated season (1922) and gone to just one New Year's Day bowl (Sugar, 1954) in its 94-year football history. The 1988 Mountaineers believe both achievements are within their reason. As do a growing number of observers. But this team must develop the knockout punch which was sorely lacking last year.

BOSTON COLLEGE

Back-to-back upset losses to Rutgers and West Virginia deprived the Eagles of a winning record last season. But they're flapping their wings merrily in anticipation of a far better mark than 5-6 for veteran coach Jack Bicknell this year.

Mighty Mike Power is back to direct one of the nation's top passing attacks. The 6-2, 182-pound senior completed 133 of 233 for 2,071 yards and 10 touchdowns last year to rank ninth in the country. He'll be backed up by another experienced senior, Mark Kamphaus. Boston College graduated Darren Flutie, its all-time leading receiver (134 catches), but split end Tom Waddle (43 for 781 yards), speedy flanker Marcus Cherry, Ray Hilvert, and junior-college transfer Jim Deines should be contributors, along with Andre Green, Ken Skeritt, and Mike Walsh. Ivan Caesar is the only letterman at tight end, with Mark Chmura and Brett Chicko other candidates. Leading the powerful running attack will be senior tailback Jim Bell, who rushed for 1,015 yards in just nine games. Tim Frager (228 yards), Mike



MIKE POWER
JOE WOLF
Boston College



Sanders (203), and Tracy Giles also return. Fullback appears well-stocked, too, with Jon Bronner (382), Ed Toner, and Kevin Lyles.

All-star candidate Joe Wolf (6-6, 284) will anchor the line. The senior guard missed eight games last season after breaking an ankle in the 27-17 loss to Penn State. He'll be flanked by Doug Widell (6-4, 286). Jim Kwitchoff (6-6, 268) and Mark Anken (6-1, 251) are the tackles, with Brian Schoenie (6-3, 270) the holdover at center. Bob Scavone, Mike Bumpus, and Mike Ratigan will see action.

The return of Eric Lindstrom (6-3, 230), an all-East defensive end in 1986, should be a big boost to the pass rush. He missed all of last season after knee surgery. Kevin Pearson is the other starting end, with David Thomp-

son and Jun Anderson backups. The tackles are Peter Gray (6-3, 244) and Mark Murphy (6-5, 265), pushed by Dave Moore, Jim Biestek, and Karl Lenz. The problem up front is finding a replacement for graduated nose guard Dave Nugent. Leading contenders: Chris Gildea, Andy Klare, and John Merklinger.

Bicknell will be starting from scratch at inside linebacker for the first time in his eight years as Eagles' coach. Both All-America Bill Romanowski, who made a school-record 156 tackles in 1987, and John Galvin, who had a hand in 129 stops, have departed. Competing for the jobs are Mike Saylor, Ron Perryman, and Matt Kelley. The secondary looks solid, thanks to a pair of unrelated Williamses. Steve had six interceptions in his two previous seasons as a starting cornerback. Brian lettered last year. The safety slots will be manned by Ed Duran, Rico Labbe, and Dave Johnson.

Barefoot, soccer-style place-kicker Brian Lowe returns after having booted a team-leading 57 points in 1987. He was 11-for-14 in field goals and 24-for-24 in extra points. David Rooney will handle the punting again.

A strong start would seem vital to the Eagles' chances for national ranking and a bowl bid. They open against Southern Cal at home, play at Penn State and at Texas Christian in the third and fourth games, then host Pittsburgh. The most intriguing assignment, though, comes up on November 19 against Army in faraway Ireland.

SYRACUSE

Dick MacPherson, everybody's 1987 Coach of the Year, considers Don McPherson and Ted Gregory "irreplaceable." Both earned All-America and numerous other honors last season as the Orangemen posted a perfect 11-0 record, then had to settle for a 16-16 tie with Auburn in the Sugar Bowl. Syracuse also is without record-breaking receiver Tommy Kane, who has decided to forgo his last year of eligibility. Nonetheless, MacPherson expects to turn out another outstanding team if he can plug the huge holes left by that trio. He has 15 starters returning, but a tougher schedule adds to the difficulty the Orangemen anticipate in trying to duplicate last year's magnificent mark. They're bent on proving that 1987 was no fluke.

Todd Philcox and Bill Scharr will vie for the quarterback job. If neither measures up, Mac may turn to Warren Stith, more of an option quarterback. Fullback Daryl Johnston and tailbacks Robert Drummond and Michael Owens make the running attack stronger than it has been since the heyday of Floyd Little and Larry Csonka. They became the first Syracuse trio to top 500 yards each in a single season since the 1959 national championship team. And none carried the ball more than 13 times a game. Deval Glover returns as one starting wide receiver, with Rob Moore the likely choice on the other side. Will Pennyfeather also is experienced. Pat Davis is the tight end. The line, except for center John Garrett, is back to make its presence even more prominent. All-star candidate Craig Stoeppel (6-4, 281) is a four-year letterman at tackle, where Turnell Sims (6-3, 275) again joins him. Returning at guard are John Flannery (6-3, 268) and Blake Bednarz (6-3, 290). But Flannery may switch to center, leaving guard to Russ Hodgins (6-2, 253), Bobby Fuller (6-3, 255), or Gary Cummings (6-2, 260).

Junior tackle Rob Burnett (6-3, 254), last year's leader in sacks, is expected to be Syracuse's new "impact" player in the defensive front. Mark Swinson (6-5, 270), an academic casualty in 1987, returns to challenge for the other tackle spot. Redshirt freshman James Wentworth (6-3, 240) also is a possibility. Fred DeRiggi (6-2, 268) and Frank Conover (6-5, 297) will battle for nose guard. The linebacking crew remains, except for Derek Ward. Junior David Bavaro, last year's top tackler, will be at one inside post, with Dan Bucey the likely replacement at the other. The outside linebackers are Keith Friberg and Terry Wooden. The secondary is a strength, since the top five backs have been together for four years. All-star candidate Markus Paul is at free safety, Jeff Mangram at strong safety, David Holmes and Chris Ingram at the corners, and Jeff Buskirk as the nickel back.

Kevin J. Greene will take over the place-kicking duties, but MacPherson is searching for improvement in the punting. Cooper Gardiner and Ken Hawkins, who shared the job last year, remain available.

RUTGERS

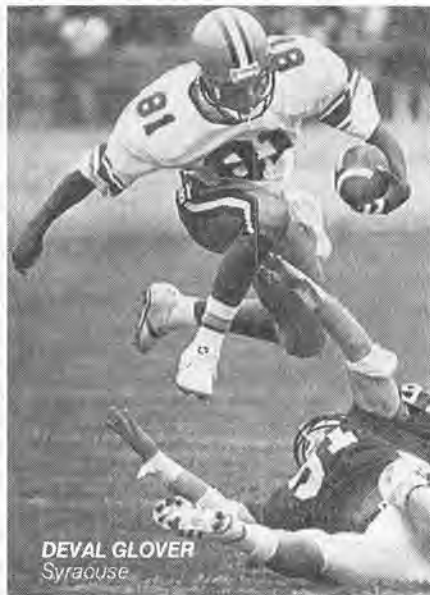
The Scarlet Knights were 5-2 and thinking bowl bid last fall when quarterback Scott Erney suffered a knee injury against Vanderbilt. They proceeded to lose the next three games before Erney returned to guide them to a clos-

ing 17-14 conquest of Temple for a 6-5 overall record. Little wonder, then, that teammates voted him Most Valuable Player. And the gifted junior is ready to strut his stuff at full speed. He'll be joined by 13 holdover starters plus place-kicker Carmen Sciafani, last year's leading scorer, and punter Matt O'Connell.

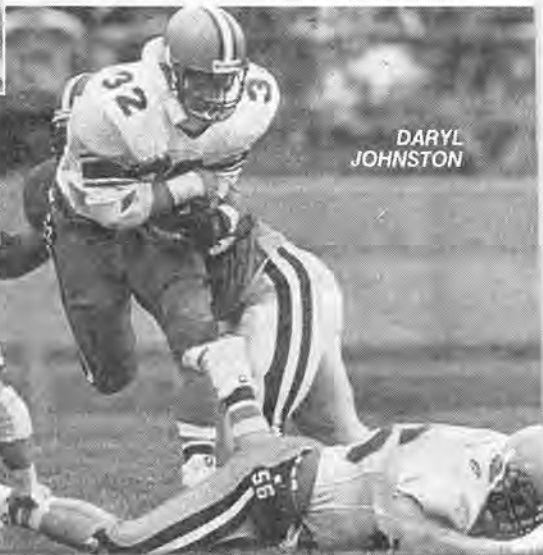
Erney completed 54.2 percent of his passes for 1,369 yards. He set school records with 32 completions, 55 attempts, 346 yards, and three TDs in a 35-21 loss to Penn State. Henry Henderson and Mike Botti, who averaged 5.4 yards per rush while sharing tailback duties, both will be in the lineup this year as Botti shifts to fullback. Henderson had four 100-plus yardage performances en route to a total of 846 yards. Split end Eric Young, a senior who spent the spring playing baseball, had 25 receptions. Tyrone McQueen was next (22). Tackles Bill Milano (6-6, 275) and Steve Tardy (6-5, 275), guard Bill Dubiel (6-0, 245), and center Nick Urda (6-1, 255) are returnees up front. But Urda has been moved to guard, with Jeff Erickson (6-3, 250) taking over center. John Kutz (6-3, 260), a starter in 1986, is the top candidate at the other tackle. James Jenkins and Scott Blanche will battle for first call at the tight end.

The interior line and linebacking are the strengths of the defense. But replacements must be found for both ends and half of the secondary. Tackle Scott Miller (6-4, 265) had 58 stops and three quarterback sacks and nose guard Carter Giles (6-1, 250) 40 tackles and three for losses last season. Tackle Chuck Paugh (6-2, 250) started seven games and tackle Joe Savoy (6-4, 255) three. George Bankos (6-4, 265), who started eight games in 1986, is back at full strength after being hampered by a knee injury. Doug Kokoskie, a three-year letterman who spent last year in rehabilitation, is battling to regain the nose guard job he held in 1986. Tim Lester (6-5, 210) and Larry Muno (6-1, 215) have the inside track at the ends.

Bob Speidel and Paul Garea combined for more than 200 tackles at inside linebacker. Both were injured in an automobile accident and are doubtful this season. Pat Udovich and Chris Pickel move up to replace them. Safeties Darrin Czelczek and Derek Baker return, but the departure of Jean Austin and Sean Washington left big holes at the corners. Ron



DEVAL GLOVER
Syracuse



DARYL
JOHNSTON

Allen and John Blanton are leading contenders, with Glenn Miller and Ron Bugg.

Certainly coach Dick Anderson has the horses to make a good race of it among the East Indies. He only hopes the improvement is sufficient for the Knights to win enough games to attract the elusive bowl bid.

TEMPLE

The Owls got off to a sparkling 3-1 start last season. Then the injuries began piling up and, with them, seven straight losses. Houston later forfeited its victory, making Temple's final record 4-7.

"I think we'll be improved," said coach Bruce Arians. To be better, the Owls must regain at least five key players from among the 15 lost to injuries in 1987. But a schedule showing just four home games looms as challenging as ever. Syracuse, Alabama, and Penn State are among the first four opponents. Then comes a string of four consecutive road games, including back-to-back visits to Pittsburgh and California.

The offensive backfield shapes up as Temple's chief strength. Senior tailback Todd McNair ripped off 1,058 yards last year. He's clearly one of the top running backs in the East. Ventres Stevenson and Tom Quinn provide outstanding depth. Matt Baker and Tony Lerro both saw considerable action at quarterback, with Baker the likely starter in 1988. Nelson Herrera will be joined at fullback by Craig Sawyer, who missed most of last season with an injury. Rich Drayton remains the top receiver (18 for 286 yards) with Mike Palys the projected starting flanker. Maurice Johnson is a solid tight end. Peter Bernard (6-3, 265) returns as the only holdover regular on the line. Other probable starters include guard Rich Gould (6-5, 270), tackles Chris Possenti (6-5, 260) and Ray Hayes (6-4, 270), and center Dick Beck (6-1, 255). Arians is searching for dependable backups.

Senior end Andy Pappalardo is listed as the only returning regular on the defensive line. But end Darnell Washington and tackles Mike Constantatos (6-4, 250) and Kenyatta Rush (6-4, 245) have started some games. Jeff Thomas, who played in the secondary, has moved to outside linebacker, joining holdover letterman Pat Dudley. Greg Taylor, out of junior college, and redshirt freshman Santo Stephens should help if Chris Eaddy can't bounce back from a major injury. Anthony Tezsla and Loranzo Square will take over the inside linebacker spots. Joe Greenwood is a four-year starter at cornerback, with John Armstrong switching from outside linebacker to free safety. William Cooper is the other starting cornerback. Gary Mobley and Shannon Worthy shore up the secondary.

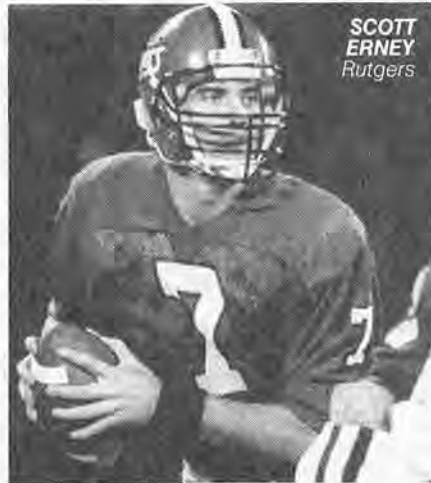
Temple's kicking game should be strong again. Ed Liberati is a third-year punter. Bill Wright will do the place-kicking, with brother Bobby as backup.

ARMY

Rebuilding the offense is the chief task for sixth-year coach Jim Young. It was just the opposite a year ago, when most of the holes were on defense. And for the first time in three seasons, the Cadets (5-6) don't have Tory Crawford, who's fourth on their all-time total-offense list (3,949 yards).

Settling on a quarterback to direct the wishbone attack is the first item of business for

Young, whose next victory will be No. 100. Five players saw action after Crawford went down with a knee injury. Mark Mooney, Bryan Babb, and Bryan McWilliams have experience. Otto Leone and Morrell Savoy also are in the hunt. Ben Barnett is the returnee at fullback, where he gained 623 yards. Halfback looks strong with the return of sophomore Mike Mayweather, the top rusher (762 yards) in only seven starts. Another soph, Paul Capriotti, probably will pair with Mayweather. Sean Jordan heads Army's pass-receiving corps, which also features Mark Phillips, Todd



SCOTT
ERNEY
Rutgers

Mulville, and Chris Destito. Bob Horn, a special-teams' standout last year, likely will inherit tight end. Also in the picture is converted tackle Ed Shultz, who has recovered from a 1986 bout with Hodgkin's disease. Jack Frey (6-3, 250), idled by injuries in 1987, returns at one guard. Bob Gebhards (6-2, 260) is the top candidate at the other. The tackles are Mike Braun (6-3, 270) and Mike Karsonovich (6-2, 240). Center is up for grabs among Frank Brunner, Pat Muschamp, and Carlton Rice.

Defensively, only tackle Tom Mathers is missing from the front five. Greg Gadson and Chuck Schretzman, the holdover starting outside linebackers, were among the team's leading tacklers last year. Josh Haines (6-4, 250) is back at one tackle and Dan Cooney (6-0, 248) at nose guard. Jon Brunner (6-6, 252) must fight off the challenges of Tim Ladouceur and Will Huff at the other tackle.

Troy Lingley is a solid inside linebacker. He led Army in tackles last year, recovered two fumbles, caused a third, and intercepted one pass. Pat Davie could be the other starting inside linebacker if he can avoid the injury bug which hounded him in 1987. George Godfrey, Chip England, and Mike O'Toole are other contenders. Seven lettermen are available in the strong secondary. Best of the bunch are free safety O'Neal Miller and cornerback Earnest Boyd. Joining them on the first unit probably will be cornerback Mike Thorson and strong safety Yale Peebles. Safeties Darryl Scherb and Paul Wynn and cornerback Mike Sullivan also are veterans.

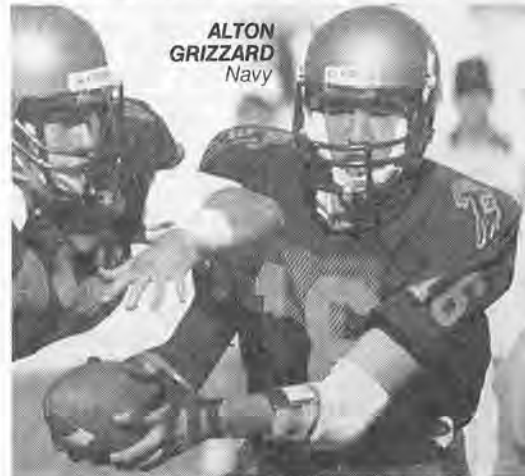
The Cadets' kicking game figures to be solid again. Punter Bit Rambusch earned all-East recognition with a 40.4-yard average last season. He also did some of the place-kicking. But that job still belongs to senior Keith Walker, who hurt his leg and missed the final four games of 1987.

NAVY

The Middies should be stronger in their second year under skipper Elliot Uzelac. Can they improve on last year's 2-9 record? That depends chiefly on a seasoned defense, showing seven holdover starters, and a wishbone which will rely more on passing.

If Uzelac can fill two or three spots in the defensive front seven, opponents could have problems moving the ball. The Middies were especially tough against the pass last year, ranking fifth in the nation (127.2 yards per game). Junior cornerbacks Larry Dickinson and Daron Fullwood will be joined by Bart LaRocca at free safety and Jim Chatfield at strong safety. Bob Weissenfels also lettered last year, with help expected from Curt Sholar and Scott Carson. Rodney Brown and Wes Freeman moved from running back to give the secondary still more depth. Senior inside linebacker Mark Pimpo, last year's top tackler, should be a stickout. His running mate will come from among Greg Reppar, Bill Bowling, Brent Brown, and Chris Yanke. Ray Worthington, Chris Carlson, Ron Jones, and David Lowe are the leading outside linebackers. Senior tackle Troy Holland (6-5, 237) will anchor the line. Scott Prinz and Chris Graham also lend experience. Mike Chris and Kevin Flynn and a good soph contingent, led by Greg Hlatsky and David Christel, provide depth.

Offensively, the Middies' big problem is reconstructing the line. Four regulars were



ALTON
GRIZZARD
Navy

graduated, leaving just one senior as a likely starter. Sophomore Alton Grizzard, the team's top rusher (519 yards), returns at quarterback. But he must fight off the challenge of another soph, Gary McIntosh, who sat out 1987 as a transfer from Maryland. Star running back Chuck Smith graduated after an injury-riddled senior season. James Bradley is an excellent replacement, though. Other noteworthy halfbacks include Jason Pace, Luther Archer, Chris Venezia, Joe Vitelli, and Albert Peltier. Deric Sims is a promising fullback, with Bert Pangrazio and Dominic Flis also vying at that position.

Talent available at wide receiver and tight end makes a renewed aerial attack imperative. Wideouts include Jon Neumann, Shane Smith, and Carl Jordan. Watch for soph Jerry Dawson to contend, too. Kevin Voss is the probable starter at tight end, ahead of Mike Bass. Senior guard Tim Hofacre (6-4, 269) is the lone holdover starter on the line. Mike Sweeney (6-2, 241) is the only other letterman

up front. Others battling for time are Mike Kircher, Mike Maier, Ray Berzins, Anthony Kawa, Stacey Overlin, Bob Friedman, Ben Meeuwse, Bobby Gopfarth, Eric Lautzenheiser, and Pat Tighe.

Ted Fundoukos, who booted a school-record 10 consecutive field goals, again will handle the place-kicking. But Uzelac may fill the punter's job with an incoming freshman.

NORTHEASTERN

Coach Paul Pawlak is hoping for a continued numerical progression this year. The Huskies posted two wins in 1985, four in 1986, and a 6-5 record in 1987, their first winning season since 1983. Now Pawlak would like to see as many as eight victories. "I think that would put us in the [I-AA] playoffs, [which] should be our ultimate goal in 1988," he said.

The key to Northeastern's higher expectations is the quarterback. Three-year starter Jim O'Leary missed last year's final six games with a severe knee injury and, after major surgery, remains highly questionable. But Rich Rodriguez, who guided the Huskies to a 4-2 mark down the stretch, is a proven producer in the wishbone. He passed for 518 yards and ran for 276. Still available from a running attack that piled up 2,750 yards and a school-record 257 points are halfbacks Ray Gee (403 yards), Brian Walker, and Mike Blue, as well as fullback Harold Scott (303). The Huskies also have an outstanding receiver in Mike Williams, who caught 17 passes for 290 yards last season. Tackle Mike McElhenry (6-3, 270) and center Toby Goode (6-3, 260) will anchor a reconstructed line. Other likely starters are tight end Tony Barbarite, Steve Sokol, Nat Jones, and Andy Robertson.

All-New England tackle Darin Jordan is gone, but seven regulars return on defense. Middle guard Tom Lucas (6-0, 250), linebacker Bill Kurtz, and strong safety Malcolm Haith figure to be the standouts. All are seniors. Other holdover starters with considerable experience include ends Scott Bemis and Phil McCabe, cornerback Eric Johnson, and free safety Derrick Luby. Jim Marshall and Kris Sticinski should be the tackles, with Sean Burke at the other linebacker. Sean Fagan has experience in the secondary.

The Huskies' kicking game should be strong, with place-kicker Lance Gordon and punter Bill Sansone. But the schedule is very tough. Holy Cross, last year's No. 1 Division I-AA team, along with playoff participants Maine, Youngstown State, and James Madison shape up as the most formidable foes.

colonial league

HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross has such an abundance of talent that no team came within 29 points of the Crusaders last season after they beat Army by 10 in the opener. That's the good news for their 1988 opponents. The bad news is Holy Cross returns 34 lettermen from that juggernaut.

The really big news is that quarterback Jeff Wiley is one of the returnees. Wiley, a Division I-AA first-team All-America, led the nation in TD passes (34) and total offense (338.4 yards a game). He set NCAA I-AA records for one season in completion percentage (66.25) and yards per attempt (9.19) and was one of four players in I-AA history to throw seven TD passes in one game.

Wiley has a powerhouse surrounding him. Willie Bradford, who rushed for 499 yards in '87, is the fullback. Trying to fill the shoes of tailback Gordie Lockbaum, who was third in the Heisman Trophy balloting, will be Tim Donovan and Mike Falite. Mark Gallagher, Viv Washington, and newcomer Rich Flauto are the top wide receivers and Randy Pedro is the tight end. The offensive line includes Dennis Golden, Mark Stoy, Rob Laliberte, Mike Culligan, John Panneton, and Rob Pedlow.

The Crusaders' awesome offense is matched only by the defense which held six opponents to one TD or less. Cornerback Dave Murphy intercepted nine passes last season and teams with Darrin Darrington to form a fearsome duo on the corners. Defensive end Tom Smith led the Crusaders with 11 sacks. Linebacker Rob McGovern led the team in tackles. Linebacker Chris Maruca, end Mike Saghy, and middle guard Gerry Trietley are other main cogs.

Promising newcomers for the Crusaders include defensive tackle Jeff Bennett, defensive back Maury Bonner, linebacker Craig Callahan, and fullback Josh Schaad.

LEHIGH

Six of Lehigh's games in 1987 were decided by four points or fewer, and that in itself helped harden a young team that is back nearly intact this year. One of the few things the Engineers lost was their old stadium; they will move into the new 12,500-seat Goodman Stadium this fall.

The main problems facing Lehigh are health-related. Tailback Lee Blum, who was leading the nation in all-purpose yardage when he was injured, will try to come back from a torn ligament in his knee. Fullback Rich Curtis was recovering from an offseason back injury. If those two return to normal, Lehigh's backfield would be lethal. Quarterback Mark McGowan completed 59 percent of his passes in '87. McGowan likes to throw to his running backs, but he also has top wide receivers John Gorman and Rob Varano to find again and veteran tight end Tom Marron. In the line, Kent Weaver is a 6-7, 295-pound hulk. Joining him are guard Brian Hensel and center Gary Nelson. Other possibilities are Mike Hendricks and Bill McCarthy.

Lehigh improved on defense in 1987 but still allowed 330 yards a game and needs to cut down on that in order to have more success in '88. Outside linebacker Chris Hite is the best of the bunch. He had 27 tackles for losses last year. Gary Karnish is also a veteran outside linebacker. Ernie Davis and sophomore Craig Domalewski are both new starters on the inside. The Lehigh secondary has four solid seniors with Terry Williams, Gregg Wolfson, Glenn Comisac, and Tom Keer. Mark Beidleman, Mike Walsh, and Joe Shunk add depth to the position. Senior tackle Peter Pawlenko leads the line, which includes tackle Mike McMahon, who was sidelined in '87 with an injury. Dave Rosen, Anthony Miranda, and Sean Chiarito will also play.

LAFAYETTE

If coach Bill Russo can erase the sour taste that developed during a five-game string of losses that ended 1987, Lafayette could have its best season since its No. 8 national ranking during 1982. Eighteen starters return from a team that was 4-2 before its collapse.

Quarterback Frank Baur (6-4, 217) set a Lafayette season record with his 2,526 yards passing. The Leopards also have all their best rushers in gear again: tailbacks James Adams and Kurt Bowman and fullbacks Tony Miller and Rich Rizzo. There are two veteran receivers in Phillip Ng and Maurice Caldwell, and a "two-headed tight end" in juniors Woody Swan and Matt Winters. All five starters are back in the offensive line and average 6-3, 273 pounds. Center Andy Nygren is the smallest and probably the best. The others are guards Freddie Brown and Dave Williams and tackles Lou Savino and Gee Lofstead.

Although not as big, Lafayette's five-man defensive line is back in force also. From left to right they are Greg Beasley, Matt Higgins, Chris LaPietra, Matt Sala, and Keith Grant. They are strong against the run but Russo would like to see more of a pass rush from that group, which produced only five sacks last season. The biggest mystery on Lafayette's defense is its linebacking corps. All will be new starters in '88. The best candidates are Daryl Boich, Bill Wagner, and Jim Hall. Four players in the secondary have starting experience. Junior Dwayne Norris will switch from cornerback to strong safety. Walt Johnston moves from cornerback to free safety. Rodney Shannon and Kevin Williams take over as the cornerbacks.

COLGATE

The momentum from a successful 7-4 season in '87 could be slowed by a change in coaching and a near complete turnover in offense. "The defense will have to carry us early in the season until the offense catches up," said Mike Foley, a 1978 Colgate graduate who takes over for retired coach Fred Dunlap.

Colgate's strength is its secondary, which includes cornerback Juan Dela Rosa and safeties Dave Bovell and Steve Aldiero. Don Charney steps in as another starting cornerback. Matt Jaworski and John Mody give the Red Raiders a pair of experienced outside linebackers. They will be joined by Dan Nole, Dave Dinello, or Mike Jasper in the middle. The defensive line will be new except for senior Brian Douglas, a two-year starter at tackle. End Mark DeAngelo and tackle Joe Hunt are the most experienced of the rest.

While there is plenty of inexperience on offense, at least quarterback Damon Phelan returns. He passed for a career-high 326 yards in the season finale against Boston University. Filling All-America Kenny Gamble's spot at tailback will be a large order. Senior Jeff Way and sophomores J.J. Cordi and Marcus Sellers are the candidates. The top three wide receivers also departed, leaving Brian Carroll, Rick Evans, Jeff Stenglein, Mike Ryan, and Dan McCarthy to replace them. Tight end Kyle Sanborn caught 19 passes in '87. The offensive line will be rebuilt around tackles Mike Cote and Ross Crump and guard Greg Robitaille. Sophomore Tim Lawler should step in at the other guard. There is a vacancy at center, where Tom Dunn, Marty Johnson, or Chris Tordy will take control.

BUCKNELL

Bucknell should improve over its 4-5-1 record through the sheer force of numbers—the Bison have 16 starters back. Nine of those are on offense, but coach George Landis must first find a quarterback to lead all of those veter-

ans. Jim Given, who holds 10 school records, is gone. Scott Auchenbach, who passed for 446 yards last season, is his likely successor. A good support system for the new QB is in place. Steve Weiss and sophomore Dan Scocca give the Bisons depth at tailback. Craig Cavlovic returns at fullback. The wide receivers include all-league sophomore Mike Guerrini (5-9, 158), who caught 44 passes for 835 yards and a school-record nine TDs to lead the nation's freshmen scorers. Chuck Kutz is the other starter. Standing tall at tight end is junior Chris Miller (6-6, 225). All five linemen return: tackles Greg Gaines and sophomore Doug Roebuck, guards Dan Meenan and Brian Mulhall, and center Ed Foley.

There's no such luck on the defensive line because all three starters will be new ones. Possible front-liners are tackles Bill Farthing



TONY HINZ
Harvard

and Mark Williams and nose guard Brian Makovsky. At outside linebacker, Chris Hackley is back for his third year as a starter. Scott Gilleland likely will join him. Senior Andy Henry, who led Bucknell in tackles last year, fills an inside spot again. The secondary is a strength for the '88 Bisons, especially at cornerback, where Robert Hawkins and John Carey return for their third season as starters. They have 15 interceptions between them over the past two years. Leo Malsky is the rover back and Mike Augsburg is at safety. Matt Mayock, the starter at rover last season, did not participate in spring drills but could be available this season.

Place-kicker Steve Barimo was an all-Colonial pick last year and has kicked 14 of 20 field goals and 36 of 37 extra points in two years.

DAVIDSON

Coach Vic Gatto has won only two and lost 29 in his three years at Davidson (1-10 in '87) that have been committed to rebuilding the program. The Wildcats will have trouble escaping the Colonial League cellar again in '88 even though they have 35 lettermen back. "On the field," says Gatto, "we've got to learn how to handle success."

Davidson has only five seniors on its roster. Two of them, David Lilley and Howard Humphries, lead a pack of linebackers that also includes Buddy Wilkerson, Tony Hubbard, Bryan Skelton, and Kenny Nazemetz, who led the Wildcats in tackles last year. That

defense, although it allowed 414 yards a game, includes a few big-play men. Nose guard Mike Rogers had seven sacks and returned a fumble for a TD in '87. Cornerback Steve Neff had four interceptions. Other notables include cornerback Bryan Overcash, strong safety Harry Schiavi, free safety David Trontz, and lineman Chris Hardin.

The Wildcats averaged only 200 yards on offense, but their top two running backs return, Bryn Robinson (449 yards) and Ralph Isernia. Quarterbacks Peter Hughes and Mark Skoczynski will probably again share the duties. Each had nearly identical statistics last season. Tight end Jon Skinner is the top receiver back. Gatto will have to develop some wide receivers. The line has experience with center Gat Caperton, guards Aengus Channon, Scott Constantini, Jeff Sawyers, and Tony Lambert, and tackles Kevin Donnalley, Paul Searle, and Bert Williams.

Some newcomers who could help are wide receivers Horace Hamm and Uwezu McReynolds, offensive linemen Ken Joseph and Mike Moriarty, defensive back Linsey Mills, and tight end Derek Twombly.

Ivy league

HARVARD

It might take an executive order to stop Harvard's offense, and even that's unlikely since coach Joe Restic is also the president of the American Football Coaches Association. The high-rolling Crimson has an offense that doesn't quit and, even better, returns for the most part. Tom Yohe, the top quarterback in school history, is back in the pocket, having already thrown for 2,730 yards and 203 completions, both Harvard records. What's a quarterback, though, without a good running attack and an offensive line? Yohe has both. Tony Hinz, a first-team all-Ivy back, rushed for 789 yards and a 5.7 average per carry in '87. Four-fifths of a strong line is also back. Left tackle Maurice Frlot, a first-team all-Ivy pick, joins other familiar faces, like center Tony Consigli, right guard Shawn Skeny, and his neighbor at tackle, John Bartholomew. Yohe, though, will have to connect with some new receivers: wide receiver Neil Phillips and tight ends Don Gajewski and Mark Blasetti.

Defensively, the Crimson doesn't have as much firepower back as it does on offense, but a solid core returns, including three key defensive linemen—end Don Peterson, a first-team all-Ivy choice; middle guard Tom McConnell, a second-team pick, and tackle Jim Bell. Senior end Peter Allen is being counted on to put heat on the quarterback, and tackle Rich Puccio has experience at the other tackle post. Both linebackers will be new, although Greg Ubert has had extensive playing time. Brian Burns is an inexperienced senior. Free safety Jim Smith is the only returning starter in the secondary. Other candidates are cornerbacks Henry Olson, Mike D'Amato, Tom Salentine, and Tony Molinari.

Punter Alan Hall may share the kicking chores with Brian Kotz.

PRINCETON

Princeton's offense may rival Harvard's and it will again be led by the siblings Garrett. Senior quarterback Jason Garrett completed 64.5 percent of his passes for 2,057 yards last season. Junior running back Judd Garrett is a 6-2, 205-pound power runner who gained 822

yards despite a variety of injuries. He also is one of the top receivers on the team (37 catches, 400 yards). Greg DiFelice switches from slotback to fullback after carrying only seven times last season. Princeton must develop some wide receivers in a hurry. Dave Wix is the top candidate. Scott Gibbs is also a name to remember. Tight end Mark Rockefeller caught 21 passes for 207 yards last season. Bob Surace played well as a sophomore center in '87. Big George Sarcevic (6-5, 275) anchors one tackle while Kevin Coupe is the other. The guards are new, but Jay Davidson has some experience.

The Princeton defense was an opportunistic group in '87 despite a rash of injuries. It forced 27 turnovers and made opposing offenses hear its footsteps. The loudest were those of end Rick Emery, who as a sophomore had 11 sacks and another 14 tackles for losses. Tackle Kevin Lynch and end Rob Vanden Noven missed some time with injuries and illness but, along with senior end Rob Walker, give Princeton an abundance of talent and experience in the defensive line. Outside linebacker Franco Pagnanelli led the Tigers with 83 tackles. Cornerback Frank Leal is the only returning starter in the secondary. One of the inexperienced players may be one of the best—sophomore Mike Hirou was named Princeton's top defender on its freshman team last year.

CORNELL

With 16 starters back, Cornell could be the sleeper in the Ivy race this season. Nine of those starters are back on offense, including senior fullback Scott Malaga. He led the Big Red with 647 yards rushing and finished second with 23 pass receptions. Dave Dase took over during the season as the starting quarterback. The halfback job is wide open but junior Solomon Pugh, who was not in school last year, started there in 1986. Cornell has talent and depth at wide receiver, led by all-Ivy Sam Brickley, who caught 56 passes in '87. Steve Lutz also returns and Mike Ready gives the Big Red a solid No. 3 receiver. Tight ends Marc Warrington and Mark Upcraft can block and catch. The offensive line features left tackle Mike Haseltine, left guard Mark Burden, center Howie Capek, and right guard Doug Langan. John Sieger or Paul Olszowka will man the other tackle spot.

The defense isn't as experienced. End Dave Pollin is the only player back on the line. Costa Harbilas, Derrick Willmott, and John Magee will share the two tackle jobs. Either Rob Lewis or Brian Files, a converted defensive back, will start at the other end. The secondary will also be new with only Corky Webb back at safety. Brent Felitto will help. He was a starting strong safety in '86 who missed most of last season with an injury. The cornerbacks will come from a group that includes Adrian Simmons, Evan Parke, and Paul Tully. Linebacker is the strongest area of the Big Red defense with all-Ivy Mike McGrann (6-5, 230) back. Len Tokish looks good on the right side and Mitch Lee is solid in the middle.

YALE

Carmen Cozza, beginning his 24th season as Yale's coach, will call on an experienced defense to hold the fort while the offense catches on. His defense is strong, deep, and battle-tested with nine returning starters. The leading player was Dan Lund, a solid, 6-3, 225-pound linebacker who had a whopping 138

tackles. Another linebacker, Jon Reese, had 130. They are joined by outside linebackers John Hansberry, a returning starter, and 6-4, 235-pound Tom O'Brien, a junior.

Jim D'Onofrio was second-team all-Ivy at tackle and is joined by Mike Browne. Middle guard Glover Lawrence will try to overcome his past problems with injuries. The secondary is dominated by strong safety Steve Essick. Cornerback Richard Huff, halfback Bob Stokes, and safety Chris Rutan are steady performers.

Yale was the top offensive team in the Ivy League last year, averaging 379.5 yards a game. Only three starters return, one of them a skill player—senior wingback Tom Szuba, who led the Eli with 44 catches. The quarterback will be either Mark Brubaker or Bob Verdusco, who threw a dozen passes between them in '87. Kevin Brice, a second-team all-Ivy in 1986, returns as the starting tailback after losing that job last season. All-Ivy senior guard Jeff Rudolph anchors a strong line. Tackle Art Kalman is, at 6-7, 285, one of the biggest ever to play for Yale. Both are two-year starters on the right side. Left tackle Ron Lewis, no small man himself at 6-4, 255, was a starter until he injured his knee. Junior Mike Ciotti will be the center. The left guard is Joe DaSilva or Karl Wimer. Jim Griffin or Chris Plunkett will start at tight end.

PENN

The Quakers never settled on a quarterback last season, which may have been cause for much of their problems on offense. Four of them played and three are back: John Keller, Malcolm Glover, and George Kolbe. Bryan Keys, the Ivy League Rookie of the Year, cranked out 670 yards rushing and will have to supply the firepower on offense. Mike Weller will join him in the backfield. The wide receivers will be Scott Sandler and David Whaley, two topnotch players who were hurt by the QB derby of '87. Dolph Tokarczyk is the tight end. The line lends a large degree of stability to Penn's offense. Starters back are center Tom Gizzi, guard John Zinser, and tackles Colin Abernathy and John Lelas. They helped the Quakers rank first in rushing offense in Ivy play last season. They are joined by guards Greg McGuirk and Kevin Morrison and tackle David Cole.

Penn's defense will have a tough time repeating its No. 14 ranking in the nation last year. Tackle Eric Poderys had eight sacks. Nose guard Dan Bauer was honorable mention all-Ivy and had seven sacks. Kyle Stephenson, Bauer's backup, could play a role at tackle. The secondary is the strongest area of the Quaker defense. Strong safety David Smith was third on the team in tackles, cornerback Steve Johnson received an honorable mention all-Ivy, and free safety Abe Jones is solid on run support. Tom Charters, the biggest back (6-3, 205), could be a factor. Mike Henley and Bill Caughell give Penn some talent at linebacker. Also look for Derric Crowther, Mike Morrissey, and Bill Walenda.

BROWN

Coach John Rosenberg has his job cut out for him, especially on defense. On offense, fullback Lane Wood packs 190 pounds into a 5-9 frame that gained 4.9 yards a carry and served as a battering ram for other Brown runners. Nick Badolato, an Air Force Academy

transfer, will try to fill the shoes of departed tailback Kirk Little. Junior Danny Clark inherits the quarterback job. He played in the season finale against Columbia and saved Brown from an embarrassing loss when he scored with only 47 seconds left. He won't have any experienced wide receivers, but two tight ends, Steve Harrison (the blocker) and Ralph Green (the receiver) are back. The line is the most solid part of the offense. Senior tackles Joe Madden (6-4, 285) and George Pyne (6-5, 270) and guard Jim Anderson (6-2, 235) are bruisers up front. While Madden's father, TV commentator and pitcher John, has been known to travel by bus, Joe blocks like one.

The hard part for Rosenberg and Brown will be to erect quickly a defense gutted by graduation. Strong safety Greg Kyliash and cornerback Darryl Heggans are the only ones back. Others to look for in the secondary are Mark Segar, Vinny Badolato, and John Francis. Seniors John Taylor and Dave Rody should surface somewhere in the defensive line. Sophomores Ron Dalglish, Chris Rains and Reid Smith could be factors also. There is unknown quantity and quality at linebacker. Don Chase and Matt Nalbandian lead a large group that includes converted guard Jim Burke.

John Vidmar is the punter and may also have to kick unless sophomore Patrick Nelson takes charge on the tee.

COLUMBIA

It's been five years since Columbia last won a football game. It's been 10 since it won two football games. But the Lions came so close a few times last season that they raised the hopes of everyone. Coach Larry McElreavy has shown patience over the past two seasons and developed a defense that held Brown and Dartmouth to 31 total points in two of the last three games. Forty lettermen and 17 starters return from that team. They will be infused by a freshmen group that went 6-0. "We could surprise a lot of people," McElreavy said.

Leading rusher Chris Konovalchik, the fullback, also tied for the team lead with 17 pass receptions. Up from the frosh is Solomon Johnson, who gained 836 yards and scored 11 TDs in only six games. The quarterbacks are Chris Della Pietra, a tailback who gained 350 yards in '87, and Mike Seidewand. Ron Kalyan, who had 17 receptions, is back at receiver with Terry Brown and Matt Fox. Paul Childers moves from starting guard to tackle to join Peter Davis and 270-pound John Sharkey. Meanwhile, Bennie Seybold switches from tackle to guard to join Al Pollard and Bill McGee. The center will be Jim Taylor.

The defensive line, a big part in Columbia's late-season competitiveness, is loaded with returning starters and part-time starters. Tackle Dan Loflin, middle guards John DeRose, Bob Paschall, and Erik Johnson, and ends Paul Tomasi and Mark Zielinski. The Lions have some good inside linebackers in John Alex, Bart Barnett, and Larry Rancilio. The secondary returns cornerback Walter Haynie, safety Terry Elliott, and monster Mike Holt. Scott Hill, who had seven interceptions for the freshmen, will be a factor somewhere.

DARTMOUTH

Buddy Teevens, 31, has a big job in his second season at the Dartmouth helm. "It certainly was an inauspicious beginning," Teevens

said after the Big Green went 2-8. The start of a new beginning must take place at quarterback, where all three players who shared time last year are back: Mark Johnson, Chris Rorke, and Tom Shakeshaft. They are deep at running back, but the Big Green averaged only 2.6 yards a rush in '87. David Clark, Mark Selvitelli, and John O'Kane are the fullbacks while Shon Page, Chris Pollard, and Nick Stanham run at tailback. Chris Keck gains an unusual fifth year at tight end after catching 29 passes in '87. Wide receiver Craig Morton led the team with 41 catches and is joined by Dave Anderson, who had 35. The line is brand new after center Dave Gazzaniga. Among the possibilities are tackle Rich Outzen and guards Ron Phillips and David Janssen.

Tackle Kevin Luensmann and nose guard Matt Kelley return on a defensive line that had its problems in 1987. Look for Tony Adiatori as another possibility at tackle. Things are in good hands at linebacker. Co-captain Paul Michael, who had 111 tackles last year, mans one inside linebacker spot. The other is academic All-America Paul Sorensen, who had 120 tackles and two interceptions. The outside linebackers are Matt Walko and Jay Swett, with Clint Stinchcomb and Greg McGowan strong backups. Scott Sims, the only returning starter in the secondary, tied a school record with six interceptions, returning one 93 yards. Others to look for in the secondary are senior Mike Campanale, who started as a sophomore, Rick Bartlett, and Chris Casturo.

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RICHMOND

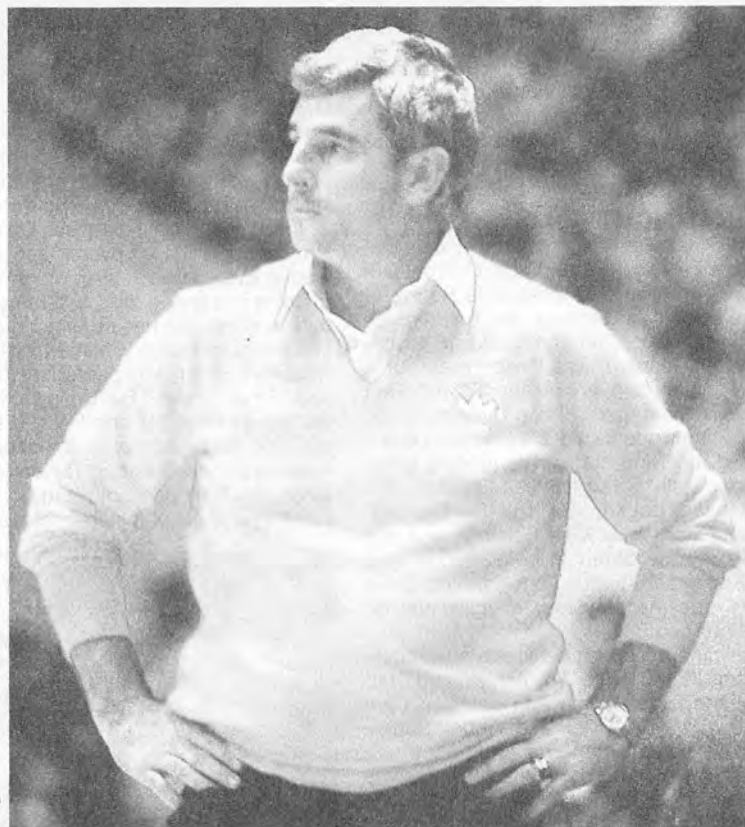
Having lost only six seniors, the Spiders figure to look much the same as the team which shared the Yankee Conference beanpot a year ago. Everybody knows about Erwin Matthews, as his league-leading 1,234 yards would attest. But sophomore Eric Hopkins and junior Brian Robinson also are capable tailbacks with experience. T.J. Morgan, who was named to the All-America Strength Team, is back at fullback. Coach Dal Shealy still has the three quarterbacks he used last season. Chad Grier, who did most of the passing, has the edge over sophs Jeff Snead and Austin Neuhoof. Split end Marvin Hargrove, last year's leading receiver, is back with long-ball threat Curtis Jefferson and tight ends Mike Cerick and Larry Spelman. Starters returning to an offensive line which averaged a league-leading 195.2 yards per game are all-YC tackle Howard Fahnestock and guards Mark Bell and Mike Mulhenn. There are holes to be filled at tackle and at center.

The good news on defense is the return of the entire line. The tackles are Chip Dustin and all-YC junior Tom Coles. Jeff Berkowitz is still the nose guard. Pat Brown and John Coleman are the leaders at linebacker. Safeties Tony Butler and Mark Aucker and cornerbacks Brian Jordan and Eriell Roberson give the secondary solid starting experience.

Sure-footed sophomore Rob Courter, who missed only one extra point in 28 tries last year, will toe the mark again. Rex Hawley and Jeff Olivo are experienced punters.

VILLANOVA

Is Villanova, which has been back in football business for only three years, ready to challenge for the title in its first fling in the Yankee



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Conference? Coach Andy Talley thinks so—and so do his opponents. "This is the year," said Talley. "We now have experience across the board." The Wildcats were 2-2 against YC foes a year ago.

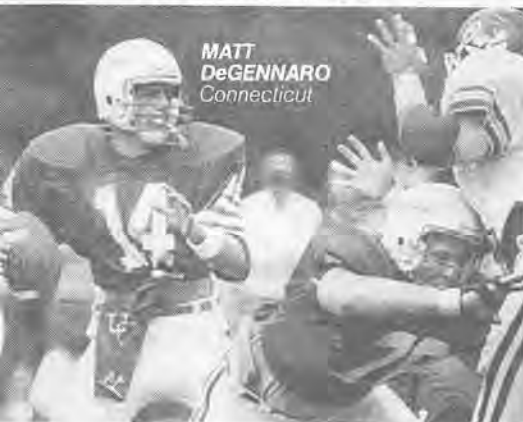
All 11 starters are back on offense and 10 return to the defense. Senior Ron Sency, the incumbent at tailback, has been the team's top rusher for three years. He's also a quality receiver. John Karoly has proven credentials at tailback. Peter Lombardi and Gary Pascoe will continue to alternate at fullback. Junior Kirk Schulz, who already has established 19 VU records, is back to do the quarterbacking. Schulz has passed for 4,302 yards and 39 touchdowns in two seasons. Heading the Cats' receiving corps is two-year leader Robert Brady at wide receiver, tight end Jim Cashman, and flankers Greg Downs and Scott Thompson. Downs, who spent the winter on the basketball team, is an exceptional deep threat. Leading the offensive line are bookend senior tackles Dave Pacitti and John Fletcher, both 6-5, 275, guards Paul Berardelli and James Donaway, and center Bryan Russo.

Eight of the 10 returning starters on defense are seniors. The blue-chippers are middle guard Paul Franco, tackle Kevin Kolstad, linebackers Bill Buckley and John O'Brien, and strong safety Scott Rushton.

The Cats will warm up for the league by opening against Division I Wake Forest.

MAINE

The Black Bears, under new coach Tim Murphy, surprised more than a few people last year with their 8-4 record and share of the Yankee Conference championship. With the one-two punch of quarterback Mike Buck and tailback Doug Dorsey returning, who's to say the Bears can't do an encore?



Buck is the undisputed No. 1 man at quarterback. The all-YC passer rolled up 2,758 yards and 22 TDs a year ago. Backup support, however, will have to come from redshirted freshmen Jeff Delrosso and Dan DiGravio. Dorsey managed to be the team's second-leading rusher last season despite several injuries. He was one of the league's best in 1985 and '86. Carl Smith and Quester Hannah also will be running out of tailback. Ray Wood figures to be in the fullback slot if he can stay away from back problems. Buck's best receivers are sophomore breakaway man Jeff Knox, and Scott Venditto, Steve Roth, and Dan Gordon. The offensive line, which averaged 6-4, 265 pounds and led the team to a record 4,724 yards last year, is intact. The returnees are guards Tom Rogers and Rob

Noble, tackles Chuck Kasmer and Scott Hough, and center Seth Koeppel.

Murphy is looking to tighten a defense which gave up 24.5 points per game a year ago. It has nine returning starters, headed by linebackers John Gibson, Mike Denino, Nick Penna, and Joe Trefethen and tackles Scott Nason and Russ Constantino.

CONNECTICUT

The Huskies have 14 starters from a team that posted a 7-4 record a year ago. One of them is ECAC and Yankee Conference Rookie of the Year Matt DeGennaro, the quarterback who tossed for 2,206 yards and 18 touchdowns. DeGennaro, was the engineer for a record-shattering offensive season. Although he lost his top target in David Dunn, split end Glenn Antrum and flanker Mike Adams head a talented receiving corps. The running game still boasts all-YC tailback Jeff Gallaher (715 yards) and backup George Boothe. All-league junior tackle Mike Coleman and four seniors—tackle Stuart Milberg, center Paul Jarmoszko, and guards Tom Krol and David Franks—are the players who make the offense look good.

The starters back on defense are linebackers Chris McNally and Troy Ashley, end Brad Carignan, cornerback Kevin Johnson, and safeties Dwayne Miller and Abbot Burrell. Help is expected from end Andy Scott and tackle Scott Sudora, both medical redshirts last season, and linebacker David Dudley, who was an academic casualty. Junior Terry Clark is expected to fill the middle-guard position, where he backed up honorable mention All-America Nate Cotton a year ago.

The Huskies are pleased with their kicking game, especially with all-YC Jim Carriere (37.7) doing the punting. Sophomore Rob Moons is back to handle the place-kicking.

With consecutive winning seasons, UConn's Tom Jackson now has new goals: winning the league title and making the Division I-AA playoffs.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Only late-season losses to Maine and Connecticut cost the Wildcats (7-3) at least a piece of the Yankee Conference title in 1987.

The UNH air show will be playing a return engagement because all-league quarterback Bob Jean is back. He tossed for 2,134 yards and 15 touchdowns a year ago and he still has his top two targets, wide receivers Curtis Olds and Chris Braune. When Jean's arm gets tired—he averaged 33.5 passes in nine games—he has a capable backup in Mark Carr. The ground game still has two-year starter Norm Ford, who already has rushed for more than 1,600 yards, plus vets Todd Urbanik, Scott Perez, and Adam Angley. Matt Banbury, an excellent receiver and blocker, returns at fullback. The other mainstays on offense are tight end Ron Spittel, center Jim Prendible, and guard Frank Maguire, with other holes to be filled at guard and tackle.

Linebacker Will Tychsen, ends Basil Jarostchuk and John Dubots, cornerbacks Ryan Jones and Tim Byrne, and safeties Bill Farrell and Garry Jordan lead the defense. The main concern is the loss of the front three, including league defensive player of the year Paul Boulay. Sherm Beatty has experience at nose guard. Alex Jarostchuk, Geoff Aleva, and Doug Ruggles are prime candidates for the tackle openings.

The place-kicking job, vacated by school record-holder Eric Facey, also is a concern. Freshman Chuck Goebel could take over.

DELAWARE

Coming off only its third losing season in the past 22 years, Delaware will be returning 16 players with starting experience among its 37 lettermen. The Blue Hens, who won the title in their first season in the Yankee Conference in '86, dropped to 5-6 overall and 2-5 in the league a year ago.

Going into spring drills, veteran coach Tubby Raymond was unsure of his quarterback. The most productive with the wing-T last year was Dave Sierer, who passed for 1,767 yards and 15 touchdowns. But Craig McCoy started the last game in '87 and finished seven others. The receiving corps is headed by All-America James Anderson (54 catches, 1,067 yards, 11 TDs) and tight end John Yergey. Leading a speedy, tested backfield are half-



backs Randy Holmes and Gil Knight and fullback Tim Healy. Only guard Dave Buchanan returns on the line, and he may be moving to center to replace all-East performer Chris Coyne. Possible starters include Rob Ambrosino, Doug Andre, Frank Berardelli, Kevin Mack, and John Sullivan.

Strength on defense comes from the front seven, all returning starters. Heading the group is linebacker Jim Borkowski, the top tackler, and All-America defensive end candidate John Levelis, who led the Hens in sacks. Also back are linemen Rob McMullen, Mike Renna, and Paul Felker and linebacker Todd Eller. The starters in the secondary are Bryan Bossard and David Ochs.

Raymond also is proud of YC record-holding punter Tim Healy (41.3) and placement specialist Don O'Brien.

MASSACHUSETTS

Senior Dave Palazzi and junior Tim Bryant, both with plenty of starting experience, are still the quarterbacks as third-year coach Jim Reid tries to rebound from last year's 3-8 slide. The UM passing game may be stronger with tailback Chip Mitchell moving to wide receiver. Also returning are split end Jay Dowdy and flanker Mike Trifari, who combined for more than 1,100 yards in receptions in '87. The Minutemen have last year's top five rushers, led by tailback Kevin Smellie and fullback Ted Barrett. The offensive line returns starting tackles Nick Salmon and 6-5, 267-pound all-YC bruiser Mike Barrette. Back at guard are



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all-league Paul Mayberry and Bill Buttler. Battling for the vacant center position are letterman Al Pogarian and West Virginia transfer Dave Turzak.

Defensively, the front three of tackles Dan Charron and Steve Robar and nose guard Joe Cullen return. Inside linebacker John McKeown, coming off ankle surgery, is expected to regain the form which made him an all-New England choice two years ago. Playing hurt last season, McKeown still led the league in assists and was fourth in total tackles. Other starters returning are outside linebacker Drew Comeau and cornerback Andrew Thomas and Garrick Amos.

The kicking game remains solid with 6-6 Dimitri Yavis, who could start at tight end, doing the punting and all-ECAC Silvio Bonvini the placements. Team speed, which was lacking last year, should be improved by some of Reid's moves, plus the addition of a talented freshman group.

RHODE ISLAND

The Rams are expecting an upswing this fall after a couple of disappointing seasons. Coach Bob Griffin will be trying to forget his 1-10 disaster of 1987 with 19 starters from a squad which was riddled with injuries.

The top player on offense is junior tailback Chris Poirier, who rushed for 867 yards last season and has 2,183 all-purpose yards in two years. The 5-9 speedster also is an outstanding receiver and kick returner. Sophomore fullback Tony Lowe, the second-best runner a year ago, also is back along with tight end Steve Schwab and wide receiver Emerson Foster. Starting quarterback was still in question at the end of spring drills, with two-year letterman Paul Ghilani doing his throwing from the baseball mound. Ghilani passed for 739 yards and six touchdowns in seven games last year. However, sophomores Kevin Neville and Steve Monaco saw considerable playing time. Other offensive starters returning are guard Erik Manley, tackles Dan Merlin and Eric Henderson, and center Bob Palermo.

Defense could be URI's strength. With the return of 6-2, 281-pound sophomore John Gilman to nose guard after a year away, the team could have 10 of the 11 positions filled by experienced starters. All-YC cornerback Kevin Smith and free safety Jamie Pereira are solid. The other regulars are ends Mark Buck-

ley and Carl Mackey, tackle Greg Benjamin, nose guard Rich Heffernan, and linebackers Kurt Brockwell and Monte Vieselmeyer.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Chris Palmer, who came to BU after two 8-2 seasons at the University of New Haven, has installed a run-and-gun offense, but he came into spring practice not quite sure of either the runners or the gunners. Vince Jackson, the team's second-leading rusher on last year's 3-8 team, is the best of the returning backs. The only veteran at quarterback is junior Jim Schuman, who was a backup to All-America Pat Mancini for two years. Eric Rosecrans has had only brief playing time. If there's still a problem at quarterback, Palmer has recruited three highly regarded freshmen. Redshirt Darrell Felder is expected to fill one of the gaps at wide receiver and tight end Andy Wise is one of seven returning starters on offense. The line consists of tackles Mike Graybill and John Timm, guards Peter Bengtson and Thom Kraus, and center Chris Doyle.

Palmer feels more comfortable on the defensive side, where there are 13 players with starting experience. Heading the secondary will be All-America cornerback Mark Seals. Other tested players are Skip Jackson, Ken Clifford, and Mike White. Chenault Bethea and Dennis Carson are familiar faces at linebacker. The other defenders returning are ends Paul Gamber, Jim Mercer, and Darrow Patton and tackles Robert Bouchie, Ben Cowan, Arnie Galvez, and Robert Young.

The Terriers averaged an anemic 15.9 points per game in '87, so scoring punch is Palmer's major concern.

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WILLIAMS

Dick Farley's first year as coach was not earth-shattering at 4-4, but he brought big smiles to the alumni when the Ephems finished with a title-clinching 25-7 victory over Amherst. Williams won four of its last five games, an indication of progress under Farley.

The offense, which had sputtered in an 0-3 start which produced only 13 points, came of age. Nine of the 11 starters, including the entire backfield, are back. The running game, headed by leading rusher Neal Chesley (682 yards), looks solid. Maurice Holden also will see the ball often. Improving senior quarterback Scott Kennedy will be directing the show. Not a high-percentage passer, he's known to make the big play. The targets will be flankers Scott Shean, Kevin Brown, and Todd Strieter and sure-handed fullback Lars Hem. The line still has four of last year's starters, including all-regional Joe Thompson.

The traditionally strong defense is missing seven starters. The glue will come from end Dan Pritchard, tackle Dave Montgomery, safety Rich Williams, and cornerback Eric Moe. Other experienced defenders are linebackers Scott Andrew and Mike Simpson.

AMHERST

Nobody believes coach Jim Ostendarp when he complains of bad times. And with a 159-69-4 record over 29 seasons (19 Little Three titles), how bad could things have been? "With only eight starters returning and no freshman or JV team to feed our program, we expect to struggle in '88," said Ostendarp.

Granted, last year's 6-2 team wasn't the offensive powerhouse of the previous three and

there are some questions about who'll be carrying the ball this time around. The experience in the backfield will come from halfback Kevin Minicus and quarterback Brian Jurek. Craig Goguen, who saw little work a year ago, also will be running out of the wing-T, but the Lord Jeffs need a fullback to replace two-year rush leader Bill Okun. Jurek, whose 28-for-72 stats would indicate he didn't throw much a year ago, may be forced to look for split end John Born and tight end Don Birmingham more often. All-star tackle Scott Williams and guard Colin Brinson are the only other returning regulars on offense.

The starting defense has only linebackers Mark Dulsky, Kevin Kimber, and Eric Strid and strong safety Omar Brown left from '87. Cornerbacks Eric Clemons and Chris Petrick, free safety Chris Drew, nose tackle Andrew Getzin, linebacker Kirk Aadalen, and ends Lawrence DeGraaf and Joe Centeno all have limited experience.

WESLEYAN

The Cardinals of second-year coach Kevin Spencer will be coming back with experience—17 starters from a team that felt it was considerably better than its 1-7 record would indicate. They lost their first three games by narrow margins and never seemed to recover. But Jim Lukowski, who can pass and run with equal authority, is the best quarterback in the Little Three. The senior is already the school's total-offense leader with 4,073 yards. The experienced runners in the veer offense are Bill Buckley, Steve Usher, and Tony Garver. Split end Drew Marrochello returns, but the search is out for a tight end and center. The best up front on offense are Greg Baldwin, P.J. DiGiammarino, Kyle Mangini, and Matt Kotce.

All-regional tackle Mike Charlton and outside linebacker Matt Coan are the leaders on defense. Charlton had 83 tackles and four fumble recoveries last year. Coan had a team-high seven sacks. Other regulars include safeties Jim Regan and Pat Flaherty, cornerback Sean McKissic, inside linebackers Greg Ballarino and Carter Heller, and outside linebacker Eric Tetrault.

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EASTERN DIVISION

WEST CHESTER

(9-2, 6-0) The Golden Rams boast one of the nation's top college division passing combinations in quarterback Al Niemela and end Bill Hess. The pair has led coach Danny Hale's team to two straight PC Eastern Division titles. Niemela passed for 2,445 yards and 22 touchdowns last season and was a finalist for the Harlon Hill Award, which goes to the nation's top Division II player. Hess had 44 receptions for 949 yards and eight touchdowns, passed for two touchdowns, and ran for another. Fullback Todd Madison (12 touchdowns) is being counted on to ease the loss of 3,000-yard career rusher Jason Sims. Tackle Jay Buchanon (6-4, 280) will be the team's big man on the offensive line. The defense will revolve around tackle Mike Testa (10 sacks) and free safety Jerome Watts.

MILLERSVILLE

(7-3, 4-2) The Marauders have the most experience of any Eastern Division team, with 38 lettermen and 19 starters returning. Highly

successful coach Gene Carpenter (18 years, 117-51-4) thinks this should be one of his best teams. The entire offensive unit returns intact, led by tight end Roger Smith (school-record 47 receptions for 692 yards), quarterback Bret Stover, and running back Steve Napier. Center Tim Cunningham and tackle Hardy Stanley will provide the main blocking support. Also back is the team's top scorer in all-PC place-kicker Luke Hadfield (46 points). Defensive mainstays are two-time all-East linebacker John Petrus, nose guard Harry Strawser, and end Kyle Landis.

BLOOMSBURG

(8-3, 4-2) Coach Pete Adrian must replace two players who accounted for more than 80 percent of the team's offensive yardage. Gone are quarterback Jay DeDea (7,026 yards and 56 touchdowns passing during his career) and running back Tom Martin (2,709 career yards rushing). Three-year understudy Paul Venesky should be ready to take over at quarterback. He will have two fine receivers in Jeff Sparks (28 catches for 431 yards) and tight end Paul Lonergan. The Huskies' entire offensive line returns, headed by veteran center John Fulmer. They should provide plenty of interference for running backs Leonard Bluit and Mike Medina. Eight starters are back on defense, including linebackers and top tacklers Wade Pickett and Gene Straface.

KUTZTOWN

(3-7, 3-3) A new era in Golden Bear football history begins as former Lehigh University assistant Barry Fetterman replaces retired 14-year head coach George Baldwin. Quarterback Greg Buchman is back after a year's absence to provide spark to an offense which sputtered most of last season. He passed for 1,778 yards and 15 touchdowns two years ago. Wide receivers Tony Santella and tight end Dave Cullen shared the team lead with 18 receptions apiece last year, but those numbers are expected to increase with Buchman at the helm. All-PC center Jeff Fulmer (6-3, 255) leads a veteran offensive line which should open holes for tailback Eric Werley and fullback Joe Svede. Linebacker Mark Smakulski is the top player on defense.

EAST STROUDSBURG

(4-6, 2-4) The Warriors hope to pick up where they left off last season, when they won their last three games. The team boasts one of the conference's most exciting players in all-East safety and kick returner Joe McLaughlin. He had seven returns of 45 or more yards last season, including two for touchdowns. McLaughlin will head a defense which also features junior inside linebacker Pat Brady, described by 14-year coach Denny Douds (85-55-1) as potentially one of his best players ever. End Eric Sampson and halfback Dennis Seglich are other top returnees on defense. The team's offense will revolve around quarterback Tom Taylor, wide receiver Ken Koptchyn, tight end Chuck Cornish, and tackle Darrell Tyburski (6-3, 260).

MANSFIELD

(5-5, 2-4) The Mounties got off to one of their best starts in history last year with a 4-1 record and a stunning 13-3 victory over Millersville. They were ranked in the nation's top 20 for the first time, but then lost four of their last five games. The team's strength should be in its passing attack; quarterback Craig Jobes, a

baseball draftee of the New York Yankees, and three talented ends, wideouts John Wood and all-PC Jim Cosgrove and tight end Sean McKinnie. Coach Tom Elsasser is putting emphasis on improving his running game. Top defenders are linebackers Riki Kimble and Joel Williams and safety Joe Zaparzynski.

CHEYNEY

(2-8, 0-6) The Wolves had plenty of bite on defense with the nation's fourth-ranked NCAA Division II unit last season, but were toothless on offense (75 points in 10 games). Huge sophomore end Jim Williams (6-8, 270) was named the PC East Rookie of the Year. Other standout defenders should be tackles Brian Clark and halfback Darren Sunkett. All-PC punter Julius Flynn also will be used in the secondary. Coach Mike Costa is banking on quarterback Andre Baylor, a late-season starter, to put life into the team's attack. Top receivers Brian Christian, Antoine Price, and Russell England all return.

INDIANA

(10-2, 6-0) Coach Frank Cignetti's IUP team won its second straight conference title, was named the ECAC Division II Team of the Year, captured the Lambert-Meadowlands Cup, and gained a berth in the NCAA playoffs last season. With 39 lettermen and 19 starters back, the Braves should make another step toward their ultimate goal of a national Division II title. The team will not have an opportunity to repeat as the conference champion, though, because the East-West title game has been suspended for two years because of a scheduling conflict with the expanded 16-team national playoffs. The Braves' offense will be directed by quarterback Jim Pehanick (2,375 yards, 19 touchdowns), ranked third in the nation in passing efficiency last year. Wide receiver Bill Heyser (40-577) and end Paul Kovell are both proven performers. Two all-conference players, fullback Steve Girling and guard Scott Parker (6-2, 229), will be the key operators in the team's running game. Top returnees from a defensive unit which was ranked eighth nationally are linebacker Kevin McMullan and halfback Darren Cottrill.

CLARION

(7-3, 5-1) The Golden Eagles have all of their top receivers back from a team which averaged 31.1 points and 388 yards per game. Now fifth-year coach Gene Sobolewski (36-15) must find someone to throw to them. Returning are the conference's No. 1 receiver, Ron Urbansky (58 catches, 941 yards), Mike Brestensky, and Jerry Starr. Gone, however, is quarterback Doug Emminger (2,242 yards and 23 touchdowns), the division player of the year. The top candidate to take over at quarterback is last year's backup, Mike Carter. Tailback Sean Morrissey (5-7, 175) should find plenty of daylight running behind a veteran offensive line that features all-PC guard Larry Wiesenbach (6-0, 230). The defense should be strong despite the loss of first-team All-America tackle Lou Weiers. John Peterman earned all-PC honors in the secondary.

CALIFORNIA

(6-5, 3-3) Eighth-year coach Jeff Petrucci is optimistic that last season's 4-1 finish and the return of eight offensive starters are signs the Vulcans will be competitive within the division. Running the offense again will be quarterback

Sam Mannery (1,723 yards, 10 touchdowns), last year's Western Division Rookie of the Year. Two-time all-PC tight end Terry O'Shea (32 receptions) and split end Bryan Greer will be Mannery's prime targets. The running game appears solid with the return of starting backs Ken Poling and Steve Brown and linemen Vince Gatti, Mark Keefer, and Bill Kremer. The defense centers around linebackers, all-PC pick Mike Stephany (126 tackles) and Tom Cawoski (118 tackles).

EDINBORO

(3-8, 1-5) The Fighting Scots should have no problem scoring points, but a youthful defense must improve if new head coach Tom Hollman's first season is to be successful. Quarterback Jim Ross (147-276, 1,903 yards, 12 touchdowns) and all-PC running back Elbert Cole (635 yards, eight TDs) form a consistent one-two offensive punch. Cole also came out of the backfield to gather in a team-leading 24 receptions. A well-stocked receiving corps features Cleveland Pratt and John Toomer. Pratt was one of the nation's leaders in kickoff returns with a 26.9-yard average. Any defensive improvement will be spearheaded by linebacker Al Donahue (150 tackles) and tackle Mark Jozefov.

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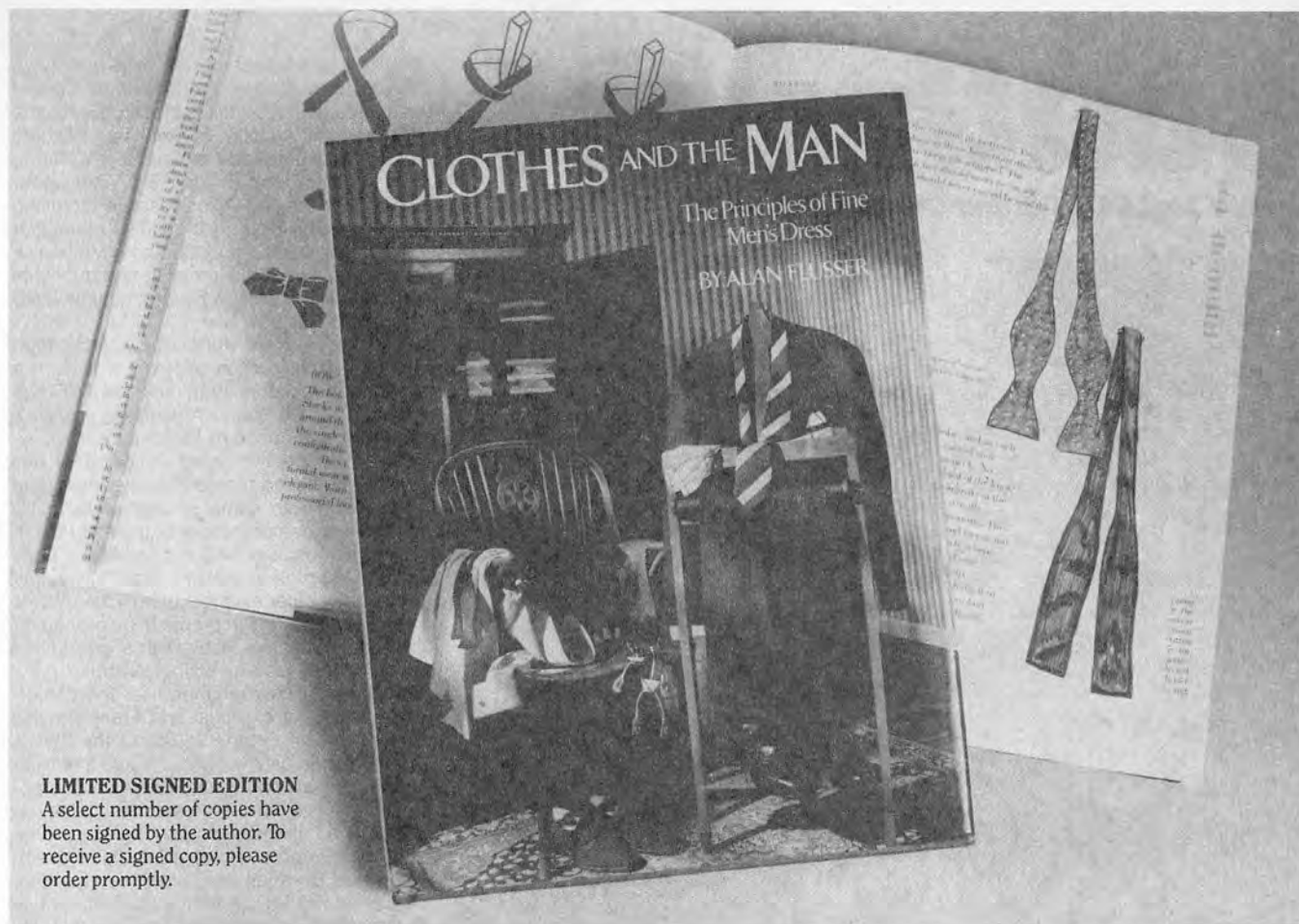
(4-6, 3-3) Coach Joe Bottiglieri has plenty of experience with 35 lettermen and 16 starters returning. The best of the group is all-conference fullback Bob Plummer, the team leader in rushing (534 yards), scoring (eight touchdowns), and receiving (24 for 262). The offense will be guided by sophomore Steve Muchowski, who completed 52 percent of his passes for 1,007 yards in his rookie season. Wide receiver Dean Styer (21.3 yards per catch) is a dangerous deep threat. Defensive leaders should be linebacker Steve Gironda (school-record 81 solo tackles) and all-PC free safety Sanford Gunn.

SLIPPERY ROCK

(4-6, 3-3) George Mihalik takes over as head coach after 11 years as an assistant. He was quarterback on SRU teams which won an unprecedented three straight conference championships (1972-74). Mihalik inherits a young and inexperienced squad with only four starters back on offense. One of those, however, is premier running back Greg Paterra (1,160 yards rushing). Pat Strine threw only three passes last season, but he is expected to fill the vacant quarterback position. The picture is a little brighter on defense with six starters returning. The best figure to be tackle Mike Campbell, the team leader in sacks, and linebackers Rich Moskal and Jerome Curtis.

LOCK HAVEN

(2-9, 0-6) Second-year coach Tom Jones is counting on sophomore quarterback Rich Hunter to lead the Bald Eagles to at least a .500 season. Hunter took over the position midway through his freshman year and passed for 1,299 yards and six touchdowns. Wideout Jesse Cleare averaged more than 21 yards per reception and is a threat to put points on the board quickly. But improvements is needed in the team's running game. Heading the defense will be inside linebackers and top tacklers Rod Govern and James Bibbs. There is talent in the secondary in Guy Wade, Dave Laudeman and Bryon Comly.



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ERIC METCALF
Texas

● What transpires off the field may have more bearing on the Southwest Conference race than what takes place between the sidelines this season. In what has become somewhat of a tradition for several SWC members, Houston and Texas A&M were under scrutiny by the NCAA for possible recruiting violations. The clout of the NCAA's hammer has already been felt by Southern Methodist, which went through informal spring drills with only 13 players while waiting to resume SWC competition in 1989.

Allegations of rule violations by certain football programs represented only a drop in a proverbial bucket of problems the SWC has faced in recent years. Among the league's most alarming concerns has been a mass exodus of prospective college talent. That has greatly weakened the conference's image in comparison with some of college football's other major conferences. For the first time in recent memory, the SWC did not have a player selected high in the NFL draft. Oklahoma provided another example of how the SWC is losing its home-grown products by playing for the national championship with a roster filled with former Texas high school athletes.

Times may have changed for the conference since Darrell Royal and Frank Broyles ruled the roost in the 1960s, but the SWC's upper crust is beginning to assume a familiar shape. Texas A&M, Texas, and Arkansas appear to have taken a firm grip on the three top positions in the standings. The Big Three should receive bowl bids again this November. Texas Christian and Texas Tech are dark horses to make a run for the SWC title, while Baylor, Houston, and Rice continue their respective rebuilding phases.

The pick of the SWC litter once again figures to be A&M, which is on the verge of replacing retired broadcaster Lindsey Nelson as the most well-known New Year's Day tradition in Dallas. A&M could earn its fourth consecutive trip to the Cotton Bowl and snare a possible national championship in the process if a consistent quarterback can be found to go with a potentially brilliant defense.

Should the Aggies falter, or the NCAA step in their way, Texas or Arkansas might end A&M's recent SWC dominance. The Longhorns and Razorbacks are playing similar games of musical chairs at quarterback, but their respective defensive units shouldn't have to take a back seat to many teams. David McWilliams will have a solid group of linebackers at Texas on which to build hopes for a possible championship season. Another near miss at a SWC title could result in a coaching change at Arkansas, where favorite son Ken Hatfield fell into disfavor before deciding to add a few more pass plays to the Hogs' flex-bone offense.

Already a rather rare species, Wacker Backers may become extinct if TCU doesn't end a four-year bowl drought under Jim Wacker. The harsh effects of an NCAA probation should have passed, allowing the Horned Frogs an opportunity to make a substantial hop in the standings with the residue from several outstanding recruiting classes.

No SWC teams have more dynamic quarterbacks than Texas Tech and Houston, whose head coaches could be compared to air traffic controllers. Spike Dykes barely missed guiding his squad to a bowl appearance in his first full season as the Red Raiders'

predictions

southwest conference

1. Texas A&M, 2. Texas, 3. Arkansas, 4. Texas Christian, 5. Texas Tech, 6. Baylor, 7. Houston, 8. Rice

southland conference

1. Sam Houston State, 2. North Texas State, 3. Northeast Louisiana, 4. Southwest Texas State, 5. McNeese State, 6. Northwestern State, 7. Stephen F. Austin

southwestern athletic conference

1. Alcorn State, 2. Jackson State, 3. Southern University, 4. Grambling, 5. Alabama State, 6. Mississippi Valley, 7. Texas Southern, 8. Prairie View

independents

1. Arkansas State, 2. Louisiana Tech, 3. Lamar

lone star conference

1. Angelo State, 2. Texas A&I, 3. Cameron State, 4. Eastern New Mexico, 5. Abilene Christian, 6. West Texas State, 7. East Texas State, 8. Central State

texas intercollegiate athletic association

1. Tarleton State, 2. Sul Ross, 3. Austin College, 4. McMurry, 5. Howard Payne, 6. Midwestern

coach last fall. Jack Pardee's Run-and-Shoot offense took aim at several SWC records a year ago and return with several bullets on an offense which must compensate for a defense which has grown accustomed to firing blanks.

Grant Teaff is still searching that good ol' Baylor line after working this spring with a patchwork offensive front that may prevent the

Bears from climbing the SWC ladder. A potentially explosive offense and a gifted secondary hold the keys.

The most impressive numbers at Rice remain the grade-point averages of their top scholar-athletes. The Owls were dropped back into the SWC cellar last season after a two-year absence under coach Jerry Berndt.

An impressive list of underclassmen on defense highlights this year's roll call of individual SWC talent. Such heralded stars as Texas tackle Ken Hackmack, Baylor linebacker James Francis, and A&M cornerback Alex Morris all have two years of eligibility remaining, a harrowing thought for opposing quarterbacks. For the first time in several years, the conference has a legitimate Heisman Trophy hopeful in Texas running back Eric Metcalf. The Longhorns also could have a Lombardi Award candidate in linebacker Britt Hager, while A&M linebacker John Roper is among those being mentioned as an early contender for the Butkus Award. Houston's David Dacus and Texas Tech's Billy Joe Tolliver should be the most prominent names in an interesting arms race among the SWC's most prolific passing quarterbacks.

At least three Southland Conference members are expected to challenge for NCAA Division I-AA playoff berths this fall. That follow-

ing successful '87 postseason appearances by Northeast Louisiana and North Texas State. Veteran defensive units at Sam Houston State and Southwest Texas State could transform the SLC race into a four-way scramble, while Northwest State, McNeese State, and Stephen F. Austin attempt to sidestep cellar-dweller status.

Jackson State has ruled the Southwestern Athletic Conference with a tight grip during the 1980s by winning or sharing in the title on six occasions. The Tigers carry an 18-game winning streak against league rivals into the 1988 campaign. But Alcorn plans to end the Tigers' domination. And the Braves have the ingredients (24 returning starters) to prepare a title feast in their camp this season. Meanwhile, Southern is hungry for a piece of the championship pie after sharing the runner-up spot with Alcorn last year.

Grambling always is dangerous with Eddie Robinson calling the shots. He enters his 48th season at Grambling as the nation's winningest college coach (341-119-15). Alabama State posted its first winning record since 1978, but the Hornets do not figure to match last season's 8-3 mark. Mississippi Valley is trying to regain the magic that the record-setting aerial combo of Willie Totten and Jerry Rice gave the Delta Devils in 1984-85. Texas Southern and Prairie View A&M will battle for SWAC braggin' rights in the Lone Star State.

Last season's co-champs Angelo State and Texas A&I are again the teams to beat in what shapes up as a closely contested LSC race, with newcomer Cameron State applying a lot of heat. The Aggies are moving up to NCAA Division II status after winning the NAIA Division I title last season. One of Cameron's chief concerns is a back-breaking road schedule. Meanwhile, A&I will travel in style with tailback Johnny Bailey and fullback Heath Sherman taking turns in the driver's seat. They combined for 2,500 yards last season after rolling up 3,526 in 1986, when they formed the game's most explosive running duo.

Eastern New Mexico could be a factor if the Greyhounds can shake off season-ending losses to Texas A&I and West Texas that put a damper on their 9-2 finish. Abilene Christian is hoping to revive its once-feared passing game. West Texas State, seeking to regain lost prestige, posted an unbeaten record against league rivals as a first-year LSC member in 1986. East Texas State, hit hard by injuries the past two seasons, is looking for a clean bill of health. Central State will try to track down its first conference win after going 0-6 last season in the Broncs' initial LSC year.

Break up the Texans. That's the battle cry for TIAA teams as they attempt to end a dynasty that has seen Tarleton fashion back-to-back unbeaten seasons against league opponents. The Texans are favored to make it three straight titles, but the race appears wide open as usual in the non-scholarship circuit. Sul Ross nourishes championship hopes and Austin College is expected to rebound from last season's frustrating finish that found the Kangaroos play three tie games. McMurry and Howard Payne both appear improved. Midwestern University is returning to the collegiate football circles after an absence of three decades. McMurray has a new coach in Mark Cox, who at 28 may be the youngest in the nation. Mel Tjeerdsma, beginning his fifth season at AC, is the dean of TIAA coaches.

JOHN ROPER
Texas A&M



1988 all-southwest team

offense

Quarterback...David Dacus...SR...Houston
Running back...James Rouse...SR...Arkansas
Running back...Eric Metcalf...SR...Texas
Wide receiver...Jason Phillips...SR...Houston
Wide receiver...Wayne Walker...SR...Texas Tech
Tight end...Ricky Stone...SR...TCU
Line...Mike Hopkins...JR...TCU
Line...Omar Saleh...SR...Texas
Line...Freddie Childress...SR...Arkansas
Line...Courtney Hall...SR...Rice
Line...Bobby Sign...SR...Baylor
Place-kicker...Scott Slater...SR...Texas A&M

defense

Line...Steve Llewellyn...SR...Texas
Line...Ken Hackmack...JR...Texas
Line...Mitchell Benson...SR...TCU
Line...Glenn Montgomery...SR...Houston
Linebacker...James Francis...JR...Baylor
Linebacker...Britt Hager...SR...Texas
Linebacker...John Roper...SR...Texas A&M
Back...Robert Blackmon...JR...Baylor
Back...Johnny Jackson...SR...Houston
Back...Alex Morris...JR...Texas A&M
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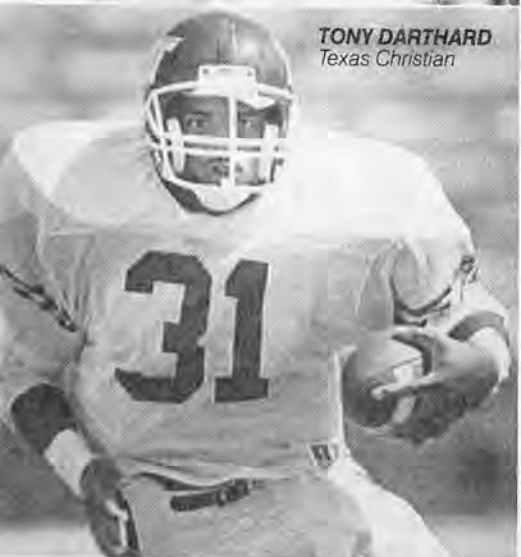
southwest conference

TEXAS A&M

A series of strong recruiting classes and three consecutive Cotton Bowl appearances have enabled coach Jackie Sherrill to establish a mini-dynasty at A&M. Last season, the Aggies won their final eight games on the way to a 10-2 season culminated by a resounding bowl victory over Notre Dame and Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown.



**BRITT
HAGER**
Texas



TONY DARDHARD
Texas Christian

Sherrill, entering his sixth season at A&M, already has become the fourth-winningest coach in the university's history. Aside from his bowl record with the Aggies, Sherrill's most impressive accomplishment is the fact he has guided A&M to victory in 22 of its last 25 SWC games.

Another successful season is likely unless the NCAA spoils the party by placing A&M on probation. That dark cloud of uncertainty continued to hover over the Aggies during spring drills as Sherrill and his staff reacquainted themselves with 13 starters who return from the squad that ranked among the most decorated in A&M annals.

Overhauling their offensive line and settling on a starting quarterback are the Aggies' most pressing concerns. Walk-on Bucky Richardson and Lance Pavlas had their brief moments of glory in the backfield last season, but the presence of transfer Chris Osgood and Felton Ransby could prompt A&M to consider

a form of quarterback shuttle this fall. Guards Richmond Webb and Jerry Fontenot both return, but center Mike Arthur and tackle Matt McCall must quickly establish themselves if A&M's ground game is to continue to thrive.

Another productive year from soph running back Darren Lewis would alleviate some of the burden caused by the Aggies' unsettled quarterback situation. Lewis, who rushed for a team-high 668 yards and eight touchdowns last season, should team with fullback Matt Gurley to provide A&M with a rugged ground game needed to blend with a quality aerial attack. Premier pass targets include Rod Harris, Percy Waddle, and Gary Oliver.

The hallmark of the Aggies' success in recent years has been an intimidating defense. That tradition should continue with the help of experienced linebackers John Roper, Aaron Wallace, Dana Batiste, and Adam Bob. Roper logged a team-high 104 tackles as a junior while earning consensus honors as SWC Defensive Player of the Year. A rebuilding project looms in the line since right end Terry Price is the only holdover with starting experience.

Changes are underway in A&M's secondary, where talented cornerbacks Tony Jones and Alex Morris must match last year's lofty performance while safety candidates Brent Smith and William Thomas make early strides. Morris earned a jack-of-all-trades reputation as a soph by making 58 tackles, causing four fumbles, breaking up six passes, and pressuring the quarterback three times after being switched from strong safety.

Place-kicker Scott Slater will try to improve on SWC records he established last year with 21 field goals and 100 points. Sean Wilson is expected to inherit the punting duties.

TEXAS

The Longhorns compensated for most of their previous shortcomings in their first season under coach David McWilliams by finishing with a 7-5 record and a trip to the Bluebonnet Bowl. The second time around could prove even more profitable for McWilliams as Texas takes aim on its first Cotton Bowl appearance since the 1983 season. A large herd of talented and experienced players is at his disposal.

Filling several blanks at quarterback and in the secondary were the Longhorns' primary objectives during spring drills. Of the seven players who exhausted their eligibility last fall,



**BILLY JOE
TOLLIVER**
Texas Tech

three were defensive backs. Another was record-setting quarterback Bret Stafford, whose departure left a long list of candidates vying for his spot. Shannon Kelley likely will take over, but Donovan Forbes, Rob McManis, Mark Murdock, and Doug Hadley are among those expected to contend for playing time.

The remainder of the Longhorns' offense appears to be solid. Senior speedsters Eric Metcalf and Darron Norris comprise the conference's most slippery backfield tandem while carrying much of the offensive burden for the unit that returns eight starters. Metcalf rushed for 1,161 yards and 10 touchdowns and caught 33 passes a year ago. He could enhance his reputation as Heisman Trophy candidate with the help of a sturdy line anchored by such stalwarts as center Alan Champagne, guard Omar Saleh, and tackles Ed Cunningham and Brian Nielsen.

A love affair with the passing game has blossomed at Texas, a factor which should help Tony Jones improve on his season total of 31 receptions as a sophomore. Stephen Clark and Marc Semmelmann, a pair of bruising tight ends, figure more prominently in an offense that relies on a superlative kick-return game to acquire good field position.

Although green in the secondary, the Longhorns may be able to red-flag opposing teams with a physically punishing defense that returns seven starters. Britt Hager, who set a school record with 187 tackles as a junior, is the leader of an excellent linebacking corps which includes Lee Brockman and Duane Duncum. Towering tackles Ken Hackmack (6-9) and Steve Llewellyn (6-6) are the most prominent names in a line bolstered by the return of end Bobby Duncum and the addition of Jay Jaquess. Cornerbacks Fred Stromile and Stanley Richard are the only holdovers with considerable experience in the secondary, placing considerable importance on immediate production from newcomers Greg Eaglin, James Lee, Paul Behrman, and John Powell. With other SWC teams coming to the conclusion that aerial warfare is not just a passing fancy, the Longhorns must tighten that phase of their defense which opponents plundered last season for an average of 193 yards per game.

The kicking game traditionally is a strength at Texas and this season should be no exception. Wayne Clements successfully converted 16 of 22 field-goal attempts. Alex Waits enjoyed a superlative freshman year when he boomed punts for a net average of 41 yards. Of Waits's 43 punts, 16 were downed inside the 20-yard-line.

ARKANSAS

Still in search of that elusive Southwest Conference title and accompanying Cotton Bowl trip, the Razorbacks have revamped their offensive and defensive schemes under head coach Ken Hatfield in hopes of ending their lengthy championship drought. The addition of a wingback and a more varied philosophy have given the Hogs' flexbone offense a new look as the SWC's perennial bridesmaids try to improve on last year's 9-4 record. Defensively, Arkansas has realigned its secondary in an attempt to compensate for the SWC's increasing emphasis on the forward pass.

Decorated tackle Freddie Childress, a 320-pound senior who underwent ankle surgery last winter, and tackle Jim Mabry are the only

returning starters in an offensive line that looms as the Hogs' biggest area of concern. Darren Worrell and Todd Gifford could earn starting roles, but one guard position likely will be filled by redshirt freshman. Improved pass blocking is a must for the Razorbacks since Hatfield plans to have his quarterbacks throw the ball more often this fall. "You win with people, not formations," said Hatfield, whose Arkansas teams have won 35 games in four years. "We recognize the need to throw the ball more. The poorest thing we have done in the past is throw the ball when people know we have to."

With that in mind, soph quarterback Quinn Grovey will be asked to add some spark to an offense that averaged only 78 passing yards per game a year ago. The remainder of the Hogs' starting backfield is loaded. James Rouse, Arkansas' first legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate in more than a decade, returns after rushing for 1,004 yards and 17 touchdowns as a junior. The starting wingback role could go to Joe Johnson, a versatile senior lauded for his ability as a runner, receiver, and blocker. Derek Russell, Billy Winston, and Tim Horton should emerge as Grovey's favorite pass targets.

Veteran defensive backs Steve Atwater, Richard Brothers, and Anthony Cooney comprise the foundation of a blue-ribbon secondary which will expand this fall to include redshirt freshman Kirk Collins at a newly created safety position. Odis Lloyd has been moved from rover, joining Bubba Barrow and LaSalle Harper as talented forces at the heart of the Hogs' traditionally solid defense. Senior leadership could be a factor in the line, where tackle Wayne Martin and nose guard Kerry Crawford will have to compensate for the graduation of all-SWC star Tony Cherico. David Henson, Tony Ollison, and Michael Shepherd should provide depth to a unit that helped limit opponents to an average of 16 points per game last fall. Kendall Trainor once again will double as the Razorbacks' punter and place-kicker.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

Three successive losing seasons (5-6 in '87) under head coach Jim Wacker have left the Horned Frogs hopping mad. That emotional state could change drastically if TCU can find enough talented newcomers to blend with a long list of returning starters ready to take aim on that elusive Cotton Bowl bid.

A restructured pass attack geared more toward the dropback approach should add another dimension to a prolific TCU offense which led the SWC with an average of 400 yards per game a year ago. Patching a leaky defense is another priority for a reshuffled staff which will be working with 31 seniors among a group of 51 returning lettermen.

David Rascoe, who has accounted for 30 touchdowns in his three years as TCU's starting quarterback, will be throwing to such quality receivers as Jarrod Delaney, Reggie Davis, and tight end Ricky Stone. The cornerstone of the Frogs' running game is Tony Darthard, a bullish junior who rushed for 878 yards last season. Adding depth at running back and searching for a capable center were among TCU's leading priorities during spring drills. There was a possibility versatile senior Scott Ankrom could be used at quarterback, running back, or receiver. Left tackle Jeff Hopkins and guards Rob Adams and Mike Sulli-

van are mainstays in the offensive line.

A line anchored by 285-pound senior tackle Mitchell Benson is the strong point of a defense that yielded an average of 34 points in its last three games in 1987. Tracy Simien and Darrell Davis serve as bookends on a four-man front also projected to include tackle Fred Washington. Returning linebackers Paul Llewellyn and Greg Moore should provide much-needed experience at a paper-thin position. Improving their play in the secondary, especially at cornerback, is a primary concern. Falanda Newton returns for his fourth season as the Frogs' free safety. He intercepted seven passes as a junior. Andre Spencer, who led the team by breaking up 12 passes last season, should team with Tony Brooks as the cornerbacks.

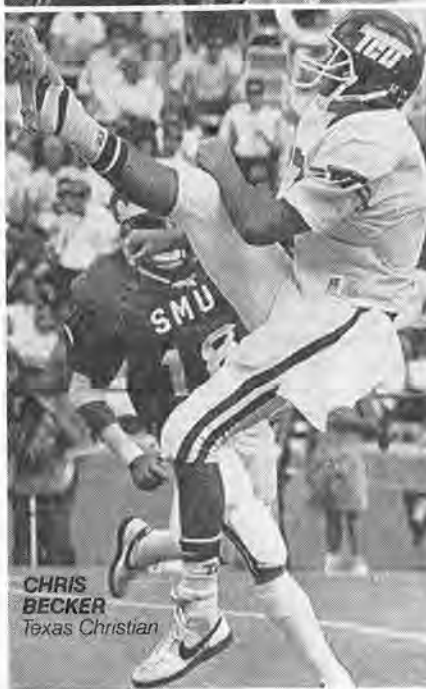
TCU's kicking game left a lot to be desired last fall as Lee Newman successfully converted only 11 of 18 field-goal tries and Chris Becker punted for a net average of 38 yards.

TEXAS TECH

A group of rocket scientists would have been pressed to conduct as much experimentation



TYRONE THURMAN
Texas Tech



CHRIS BECKER
Texas Christian

as the Red Raiders' staff did during spring drills. They were trying to come up with the proper chemistry for the program's third consecutive winning season. Although seven starters return from last year's 6-4-1 finish, Tech must rebuild its offensive line, linebacking corps, and secondary. Little wonder head coach Spike Dykes believes the Raiders have more holes than at any time in recent years.

Senior quarterback Billy Joe Tolliver proved he was more of a fancy passer than a passing fancy last fall when he threw for 1,422 yards and seven touchdowns. With Tolliver's help, the Raiders led the SWC with a 28-point scoring average and a 45 percent third-down conversion rate. Receivers Wayne Walker and Eddy Anderson were consensus all-SWC selections as juniors last season, while 5-foot-3 Tyrone Thurman danced past defenders on pass receptions and kickoff returns.

James Gray added consistency to the Raiders' ground game last fall by rushing for 1,037 yards and 12 touchdowns. Added depth in the backfield will come from Ervin Farris and I-backs Clifton Winston and Anthony Lynn. But glossy individual rushing statistics could be a rarity unless an inexperienced line develops. Charles Odiome is the only returning starter in a front that could include Len Wright and guard Nathan Richburg.

Tech's defense translates to a good-news, bad-news situation. The good news is found in the line, where senior tackle Desmond Royal and end James Mosley will serve as veteran anchors in an area in which the Raiders boast talent and depth. Another positive aspect is the presence of senior safety Boyd Cowan and sophomore safety Donald Harris, who earned SWC Newcomer of the Year honors.

Now for the bad news. Five of the Raiders' top seven linebackers have exhausted their eligibility, leaving Dal Watson and Mike Derryberry to shoulder the burden. Much the same situation exists at cornerback, where Jim Vasquez and Dean Marusak and redshirt freshmen Kevin Walker and Sammy Walker will contend for starting roles. The status of free safety Merv Scurllark remains uncertain one year after he underwent major knee surgery.

One plus should be the return of place-kicker Scott Segrist, who was successful on 13 of 18 field-goal tries a year ago.

BAYLOR

Longevity has become a byword at Baylor, where Grant Teaff is beginning his 17th season as head coach of a football program which has had its share of ups and downs. Which direction the Bears' elevator will run this fall largely will depend on the performance of a veteran defense and an untested offensive line.

Skilled junior safeties Robert Blackmon and Mike Welch are the bell cows of a secondary that also returns cornerbacks Ray Crockett and Norris Blount. Blackmon intercepted five passes a year ago while Welch paced the Bears with 131 tackles. Weakside linebacker James Francis, a physically punishing junior, anchors an area in which the Bears return five of their top six players.

Academic problems prevented defensive ends Eugene Hall and Sam Collins from participating in spring drills, but both are expected to fill starting spots. Baylor is attempting to improve on last season's 6-5 mark and earn a bowl invitation for the third time in four years.

Added depth is a priority at defensive tackle, where Greg Oefinger, Vincent Carpenter, and Rod Duffie must continue to make big strides.

Progress made by a promising but inexperienced backfield should create added excitement. Brad Goebel had the best freshman season of any quarterback in SWC history a year ago when he led the conference with 2,178 yards passing. With such quality targets as Greg Anderson, Bobby Jack Goforth, John Simpson, sophomore tight end Steve Stutsman, and eight-time NCAA track All-America Darnell Chase on hand, Goebel could be a bigger factor at the offensive controls this fall.

Recharging an inadequate running game is a priority for the Bears in a multiple scheme that once again will utilize the power-I formation in short-yardage situations. Much of the burden for improving Baylor's ground game likely will fall on the shoulders of returning starters Charles Perry and Jeffrey Murray, but heralded freshman redshirt Anthony Ray could be a major factor if he recovers from his second knee operation in two years.

The catalyst of the Bears' revamped offensive line is expected to be center Bobby Sign, a three-year starter who transferred from Pitt. Aside from Sign, tackles Dennis Smith and David Richardson and guard Mark Bass are the only holdovers with experience as reserves. Such unproven candidates as Scott McCool, Steve Insall, and Larry Vasbinder must make early progress if the Bears are to move up a notch or two in the SWC standings.

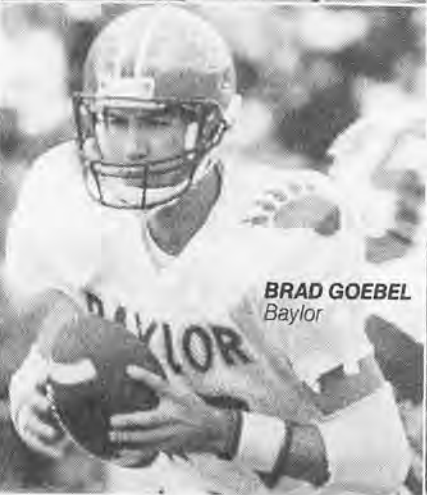
Mark Mahler and Terry Syler will share the place-kicking duties; Pete Rutter returns to handle the punting again.

HOUSTON

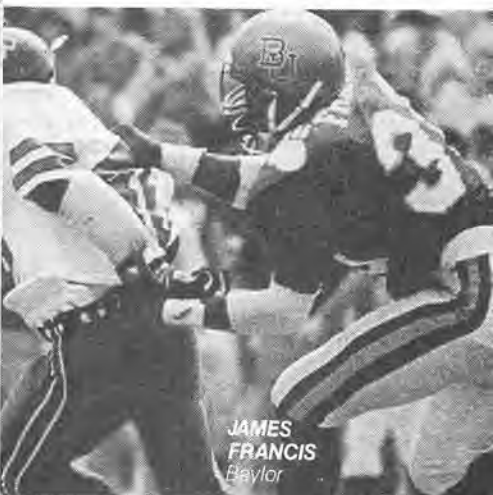
The specter of a possible NCAA probation hovered over the Cougars during spring drills as they took their first steps toward building on their 4-6-1 record last fall. A sluggish start was offset by a closing spurt in which Houston finished 3-9-1, giving coach Jack Pardee's program a mental lift to go along with a group of 16 returning starters.

How much overall improvement the Cougars make this season will be directly related to a record-setting aerial attack which came into its own with junior-college quarterback David Dacus at the controls. Dacus established school passing marks for most yards in a game (450) and a season (1,849) despite starting only six games. His 450-yard performance against Rice set an SWC record in the final game of the season. Andre Ware passed for 996 yards out of the Run-and-Shoot offense in the Cougars' first five games before suffering a broken arm against Wyoming.

QUENTIS ROPER
Rice



BRAD GOEBEL
Baylor



JAMES FRANCIS
Baylor

A gifted group of receivers which includes Jason Phillips, Jet Brown, and superback Kimble Anders should keep the Cougars' offense clicking. Phillips led the nation with an SWC record 99 receptions a year ago; Anders caught 61 passes and rushed for 841 yards. William Gant, Paul Hearn, Bryon Forsythe, and Corky Gore are prominent names in a line that has become the conference's most adept at pass blocking.

Defensive line stalwarts Glenn Montgomery, Keith Jenkins, and Alfred Oglesby must match or improve on last year's level of performance while the Cougars continue a rebuilding process at linebacker and in the secondary. Defensive back Johnny Jackson should contend for All-America honors this season after intercepting eight passes and breaking up 16 others a year ago. Other projected starters in the secondary include Johnny Norwood and Tyrone Jones. The situation at linebacker is precarious since David Bearden and Andy Sexton are the only returnees with appreciable experience.

The state of the Cougars' kicking game is even more alarming. Chip Borwandyke exhausted his eligibility after setting several school records, leaving a large group of walk-

ons contending for an important spot on the roster. Simon Rodriguez returns after booming punts for a 40-yard average as a soph.

RICE

A wealth of returning starters plus a talented redshirt class should bolster the Owls' chances of improving on the poorest conference record put together by any SWC team last fall. Rice went 0-7 in league play and 2-9 overall while surrendering an average of 478 yards total offense per game.

Superior contributions from a line anchored by star center Courtney Hall will be a must for the Owls, who return nine starters on offense. Hall, a senior co-captain, could finish his career as Rice's most talented and decorated lineman since the mid-1960s. He will be joined up front by tackles Mike Gonzales and Joey Roseborough and guard Allen Koch, whose blocking helped pave the way for an average of 385 yards total offense per game, the second-highest figure in Rice history.

A tug of war between quarterback candidates Donald Hollas and Quentis Roper should be one of the more interesting aspects of the Owls' fall drills. Hollas made a switch

from safety to quarterback this spring while Roper was rehabilitating from a rotator cuff problem in his right shoulder. If Hollas earns the starting job, Roper could be moved to tailback or wingback. Lorenzo Cyphers, a versatile fullback who led the Owls with 751 yards rushing and 31 receptions, will join Richard Williams and redshirt Eric Henley as premier weapons in the Owls' backfield. Finding enough quality pass receivers should be the least of Rice's concerns with the presence of seniors Mike Boudousquie and Chris Nixon and junior tight end Melvin Turner.

Defensively, the Owls return seven starters from a squad that consistently found cleat marks on the backs of their jerseys last season. Opposing teams moved the ball up and down the field against a Rice defense that yielded 28 or more points in each of the team's 11 games. Rodney McClay is the most heralded mainstay in a secondary that also returns Hollas and cornerback Nigel Codrington. An experienced set of linebackers led by Jeff Hood and Wade Lee should make considerable improvement this fall, but a major rebuilding task in the line awaits head coach Jerry Berndt. Other than tackle Ted Humphreys, much of the Owls' defensive front will



ROBERT BLACKMON
Baylor

consist of such unknown candidates David Alston and Greg Gillingham and nose guard Ken Fields. Considerable help will be needed from an impressive class of redshirt freshmen which includes linebackers Joel Dawson and Mike Wylie and back Bobby Epps.

Glen Ray Hines once again will double as the Owls' place-kicker and punter after successfully converting only two of eight field-goal attempts outside the 30-yard line last fall.

southland conference

SAM HOUSTON STATE

A potent offensive attack served as the Bearkats' trademark last season as they compiled an 8-3 record and a No. 19 ranking in the final Division I-AA poll under coach Ron Randleman. By comparison, the strength of this year's squad could be a defense that returns eight starters.

Free safety Billy Anderson, strong safety Delrich Gay, and cornerback Rickey Royal are the top names in a secondary that intercepted 20 passes a year ago. Anderson intercepted seven in only five games to earn honorable mention All-America honors. Senior linebacker Lish Adams returns after leading the Bearkats with 117 tackles, while end Andre Finley and tackles Marvin Brown and Mike Ober add experience in the front line.

Bryan Osterhaus and incoming freshman Trevor Spradley, a pair of graduates from Houston Cy-Fair High School, should compete for the quarterback job. Holes also need to be filled at running back, where Ricky Davis, James Shorts, and Darryl Montgomery should contend for starting roles. The brightest star in the Bearkats' Pro I-formation once again will be tight end Ricky Eggleston, who caught 32 passes for 644 yards and an SLC-leading six touchdowns as a junior.

NORTH TEXAS STATE

The Mean Green could be even meaner this fall as eight offensive and seven defensive starters return from last year's 7-5 playoff entry. The Eagles' No. 16 finish in the final Division I-AA poll represented their highest ranking since 1983.

Top weapons in coach Corky Nelson's offensive arsenal include quarterback Scott Davis, fullback Darrin Collins, and split end Marcus Camper. Davis passed for 1,023 yards and eight touchdowns, Collins rushed for a team-high 851 yards, and Camper paced the Eagles with 24 receptions. Tackles Scott Bowles and Zane Paschall and guard Paul Gallamore are the top names in a veteran line.

Rebuilding a defensive front that lost all four starters to graduation looms as a major task. As a result, linebacker Byron Gross and cornerback Kim Phillips will be asked to duplicate their glossy achievements of a year ago. Gross led the Eagles with 84 tackles and Phillips paced the team with four interceptions.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

Finding a way to match last year's lofty level of success will be of primary importance for the Indians, who won the NCAA Division I-AA title with a potent offense that averaged 30 points per game. In contrast to a big-play passing attack that helped the Indians to a 13-2 record, coach Pat Collins plans to implement a ball-control offense built around quarterback



BILLY ANDERSON
Sam Houston State

Walter Phythian, fullback Tommy Minvielle, and tailbacks Jeff Steele and Cisco Richard. Jackie Harris and Tommy Jackson both return this fall, giving the Indians advanced weaponry at starting receiver. Harris led the team last year with 37 receptions. The line, however, faces a rebuilding project. Reggie Lawson and Vaurice Johnson have been penciled in as starting tackles, while David Muse and Mike Traxler top the guard candidates.

All-America free safety Cyril Crutchfield, who was second on the squad with 89 tackles and tied a team high with three interceptions, is the cornerstone of a veteran defense which includes quality tackles Rodney Young, Curtis Richardson, and Karl Aliosio. Young is the strongest player on the squad (420-pound bench press). Duke Marcus and Rod Moon are expected to anchor the starting linebacker positions in the Indians' 4-2-5 defensive scheme, with Frank Shelvin and Richard Green patrolling the secondary.

Incoming freshmen may handle the punting and place-kicking chores, two areas of concern at the conclusion of spring drills.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

Although they lost their first six games a year ago, the Bobcats began to click late in the season and finished with a 4-7 record under coach John O'Hara. That wave of momentum could continue to build this fall as eight offensive and seven defensive starters return.

A seasoned offensive line could bolster the Bobcats' hopes for their first winning season in three years. Tight end Matt Barber, guard Tommy Salazar, and tackle Sam Scott should provide adequate pass protection for quarterback Ron Rittimann, who passed for 1,765 yards and 12 touchdowns last fall. The running game could be a question mark since fullback Richard Gordy is the team's only projected starter who rushed for more than 300 yards a year ago.

Junior tackles Glenn Mangold and Chris Barte are veterans in a multiple defensive alignment which once again should have linebacker Brad Fulks as its centerpiece. Fulks recorded a team-high 133 tackles while Mangold paced the Bobcats with 12 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. A. J. Johnson has

been switched from cornerback to wide receiver, leaving Darren Jones as the only established veteran in the secondary.

MCNEESE STATE

Successive 2-9 seasons have left the Cowboys trying to blaze a new trail toward respectability this fall. Coach Sonny Jackson has shelved his one-back offense in favor of an I-formation attack that should spotlight the talents of several potent tailbacks.

Two-year starter Tony Citizen, Texas A&M transfer Troy Jones, and senior Brian McZeal should add some spark to the Cowboys' restructured attack. Citizen rushed for a season-high 218 yards when the Cowboys returned to the I-formation in their final game of the year. McZeal led the team with 21 receptions and will join Jeff Delhomme as primary pass targets for quarterbacks Scott Dieterich and Hud Jackson. A big, beefy line which includes 291-pound tackle Glenn Koch and 296-pound guard Tony Dominique should be a plus.

Defensively, eight starters return to try to



SCOTT DAVIS
North Texas State

push the Cowboys toward their first winning season in four years. Mark McMahon, Berwick Davenport, Daniel Cline, and Mike Pierce comprise a veteran secondary which must compensate for a large group of untested linebackers. Tackles Gary Irvin, Chad Habetz, and Pete Sinclair and nose guard Bradley Zaunbrecher are stalwarts in the line, but Darrin Andrus is the only linebacker who returns in a 3-4 alignment.

Place-kicker Lance Wiley will enter the season trying to extend his streak of 61 successful extra points.

NORTHWESTERN STATE

A large group of returning lettermen could make a big splash for coach Sam Goodwin this fall as the Demons try to improve on their 6-5 record in their inaugural year in the SLC. An experienced offensive unit and a swarming defense hold the keys for a team blessed with nine returning starters each way.

Quickness is the byword of a potent offense led by flanker Floyd Turner, tight end Orlan Lockhart, split end Mark Mayfield, and tailback Kenneth DeWitt. The starting quarterback spot will be up for grabs at the opening of fall drills, with Scott Stoker and Gilbert Gal-



JEFF STEELE
Northeast Louisiana



KENNETH BIGGERS
North Texas State

loway in the Demons' plans. The line is projected as a strength with the return of such veterans as center Jeff Steers, guard Nick Day, and tackle Robbie Martin.

Quality depth is the biggest concern on defense, particularly at linebacker and in the secondary. If leading tackler Freddie Wallace does not return—he missed spring drills because of personal problems—Leonard Parker and Mark Newstrom will have to pick up the slack. Henry Sibley and Chuck Orzechoskie are mainstays in a line that must pressure quarterbacks while a secondary led by cornerback Keith Lewis rounds into shape.

Keith Hodnett returns after becoming Northwestern State's all-time field-goal leader.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

The Lumberjacks slipped to a 7-3-1 record last fall under coach Jim Hess, but the return of nine starters on defense should provide the foundation for considerable improvement. Linebackers Eric Lokey, Bobby Henry, and Julius Smith comprise the bedrock of a defensive unit that also returns ends Keith Melcher and Eric King and tackles David Gibbs and Mervin Jones. Lokey led the team with 146 tackles last season. Free safety David Whitmore and cornerback Johnny Hendrix add depth and experience in the secondary.

A three-way battle for the starting quarterback job could await Todd Hammel, Jeff Sturch, and Monty West when they report for

fall drills. Jeff Jackson, Greg Bryant, and Bo Alexander anchor a line that should pave the way for big chunks of yardage by talented running backs Larry Centers and Michael Horace, who combined for more than 1,100 yards rushing last season. Adding some quality depth at receiver to take some of the pressure off tight end Brad Barfield is a concern.

The Lumberjacks' kicking game should be respectable with the return of place-kicker David Jones and punter Steve Merka.

southwestern athletic conference

ALCORN STATE

(6-3) There are loud title sounds coming out of the Braves' camp as chief Theo Danzy prepares to lead 24 returnees on his third SWAC raiding party. League foes may be circling their wagons before this battle ends.

Jerome Vigne and Larry Brown are the quarterbacks. Fullback Cedric Bush sparks the ground attack with Sam Griffin and Maurice James. Wide receiver Fred McNair had 32 catches for 437 yards and tight end Edward Whatley presents an excellent target. The line stacks up as one of the league's best. Dewayne White and James Hervey man the tackle slots, James Harper and Warner Loring are the guards, and Rodney Kelley the center.

Nose guard Kelvin Wright teams with tackles Samuel Butler and Roy Coleman on the interior line. Benny Good and Vincent Carter assure strong play at the ends. Victor Lyons and Xavier Hall are quality linebackers. Elliott Smith and Michael Andrews are entrenched at the corners. Jack Phillips, Willie Earl Thomas, and Gary Lewis possess quickness and speed in the secondary.

JACKSON STATE

(8-3-1) There is good news and bad news for Tiger fans, who have watched their Saturday heroes reel off an 18-game winning streak against SWAC opponents dating back to 1985. First the bright side: A pair of All-Americans, running back Lewis Tillman and free safety Kevin Dent, head a cast of 10 returning starters. As for the bleak side: The Tigers lost 23 seniors, including 10 regulars, from last season's championship team.

The biggest problem facing veteran coach W.C. Gorden will be finding a replacement for quarterback Shannon Boyd, who passed for 2,032 yards and 16 touchdowns. Beverly Bishop and sophomore Shawn Gregory will try to fill the void. Tillman needs no introduction. The 195-pound senior with 4.6 speed broke the immortal Walter Payton's JSU single-season rushing record by rolling up 1,474 yards on 311 carries. Daryl Jones is being counted on to take some of the running load off Tillman. Ronald Lewis, the team's leading receiver in 1987 with 31 catches for 623 yards, will keep defenders honest. Tight end Darion Easterling also provides an inviting target. Mammoth Richard Wright (6-3, 324) will throw his weight around up front. Center Cedric McSwine (245) helps solidify the line.

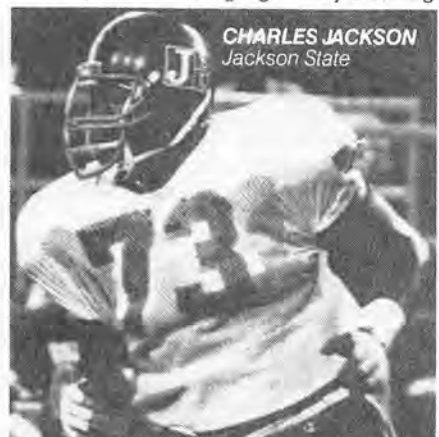
In addition to Dent, who had six interceptions, linebackers Cammie Collins and Darion Conner rate all-star consideration along with tackle Charles Jackson (280). Darrell Taylor, Chris Gale, and Patrick Parker are projected starters in a line that lacks depth and experience. Kenneth Primos, Steve Gregory, Clifton

Manning, and Michael Wallace will bid for starting jobs in the secondary.

The punting will fall on the capable shoulders of Fred McRae, who led the conference as a freshman with a 39-yard average.

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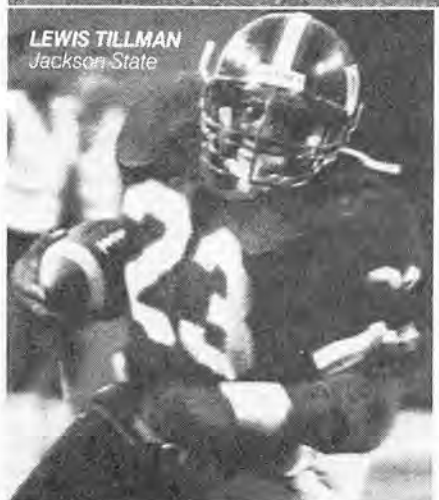
(7-4) Marino Casem surprised SWAC critics last year by guiding his first Jaguar team to a second-place finish, highlighted by a stirring



CHARLES JACKSON
Jackson State



BILL CLAYTON
Abilene Christian



LEWIS TILLMAN
Jackson State

27-21 season-ending win over archrival Grambling in the annual Bayou Classic. SU fans are hoping for more Marino Magic in 1988. And the veteran coach, who spent 22 seasons directing Alcorn before arriving on the Southern scene, should be able to pull a few tricks out of his hat. A dozen regulars return from a team that started the season with four straight victories.

Senior tailback Daryl Garner, who figures to draw All-America votes, is a standout in a backfield that also includes quarterbacks Nathaniel Harrison and Robert Ziegler, both of whom have experience. Garner averaged 4.4 yards per carry while piling up 484 yards in all. Soph Barry Kimbrough topped Garner's total by rushing for 505 yards. Tight end Craig Davis (6-3, 224) has all-star potential and flanker Elliott Searcy is a speed merchant. Center Gary Campbell (245) joins guards Greg Fontenot (228) and Carl Millican (241) on the line. Tackle Randolph Manning (273) also demands top billing.

Linebacker Chris Scott and sophomore end Dexter Blackmon (266) are defensive standouts. Scott led the Jags in tackles while Blackmon had four fumble recoveries and five sacks. Maurice Hurst is stickout in the secondary (four interceptions) while backer Darry Brooks and end Patrick Auzene own starting spots. Freshman Frederick Washington will challenge for starting time at linebacker. Nolan Narcisse and Robert Valentine will make their marks in the secondary. Arthur Avant is a seasoned punter and Harrison gets the nod for place-kicking chores.

GRAMBLING

(5-6) One of college football's longest streaks ended last year when the Tigers had their string of 27 straight winning campaigns under the legendary Eddie Robinson snapped in a season-ending 27-21 loss to Southern University. Robinson enters his 48th season at

Grambling as the nation's winningest college coach with a remarkable 341-119-15 record. And he is expected to put the G-Men back on course in 1988 with a veteran squad that returns 18 regulars.

Replacing all-conference quarterback Chauncy Allen will receive top priority. Clemente Gordon, who logged limited playing time last season, has the inside track with Reginald Myles also making his pitch. Brian Tobey and Calvin Cooper are the top running backs. Wingback Fred Jones and split end Richie Crosby ranked 1-2 in receiving with 41 and 36 catches, respectively. All-SWAC center Michael Harris (306) anchors a big and experienced line. The senior tackle trio of Ricky Warren (288), Darrell Smith (296), and James Brown (290) can move mountains, while guards Toney Griffin (286) and Nolan Brown (256) are proven performers along with tight end Lionel Henderson (220).

Free safety Robert Reddix and linebacker Sygmon Holland are standouts. Reddix was first-team all-league in 1987, while Holland's 132 tackles led the team. Tommy Johnson (285) and Robert Jenkins (265) return at the ends and Joe Willis (260) has experience at tackle. Reginald Williams and Gerrick Muse will join Holland to provide solid linebacking play. Charles Davis and Reddix furnish protection in the secondary. Each had five interceptions last season.

Punter Gerald Broadway led the league with a 40.4 average and Shawn Kramer was the second-leading kick scorer with 50 points.

ALABAMA STATE

(8-3) Although the Hornets will find it difficult to equal last season's record, they still hold respect around the conference, mainly due to the presence of talented running back Brad Baxter (232). He rambled for 1,206 yards and scored nine touchdowns in leading the Hornets to their first winning season since 1978. Baxter enters the year as the school's all-time leading rusher (2,974 yards).

New coach Houston Markham faces a big challenge as only nine regulars are back from last year's team. Antonius Smith and Robert Days will continue to alternate at quarterback. Fullback Bennie Ingram spearheads the ground game. Center John Wynn (225) is the lone holdover in the line. Tight end Darrin Duplessis and versatile Victor Marshall are the top receivers. Marshall also has logged playing time at flanker and quarterback.

Linebacker Lymos McDonald is a dandy, while tackle Billy Ray Cox (275) makes an impact up front. Mark Hurt and Gary Browe are leaders in the secondary. The Hornets put the sting on Grambling last season, holding the Tigers to only 28 yards on the ground, their lowest output in history.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

(1-10) This once-proud football program hit rock bottom last season when the Delta Devils flirted with an all-losing campaign. They saved face by beating Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 16-7, then proceeded to drop nine games in a row, including four by shutouts. Second-year

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coach Kenneth Pettiford hopes to put the pieces back together from a squad that shows 19 returning starters.

Quarterback Willie Stewart will try to improve on his rookie season when he completed only 31 percent of his passes and was intercepted 17 times. Fullback Rodger Simpson was the team's leading rusher with a modest 182 yards. Fullback Emmitt Matthews and running backs Marvin McCray and Terry Coleman saw limited action in 1987. Fred Franklin will be the primary target after hauling in a team-high 22 passes for 351 yards. Clarence Alexander and Ronnie Norwood are other receivers being counted on to help revive the attack. Charlie Stevenson (6-3, 300) and Donald Holt (250) are the top linemen.

Tackles Eric Stoutmire (274), Clinton Davis (250), and Johnny Sims (295) are the leaders on the defensive line. Buford Cooks, Tony Haggie, and Kenneth Jackson at linebacker. Veterans protecting deep include Timothy Lee, Willie Lewis, and Boris Ricks. Donald Stuckett will handle the punting and Matthews the place-kicking.

TEXAS SOUTHERN

(5-6) Replacing All-America quarterback Sean Cook is the biggest problem confronting Lionel Taylor as the Tiger coach enters his fifth season. There is a wealth of talent available, however, with a roster that includes 18 returning regulars.

Clinton Brewster will try to nail down the starting quarterback job after serving as the backup for two seasons. Fullback Jason Johnson, who rushed for a team-leading 641 yards, will fuel the running attack. Wide receivers Davis Smith and Brian Wiggins are being groomed for All-America recognition. Smith won Sheridan honors last season when he grabbed 55 passes for 642 yards. He also is a threat on punt and kickoff returns. Veterans returning up front include center Robert Arnold (285), tight end Curtis Neill (220), guards Vincent Gamble (300) and Martin Flores (251), and tackle Gayle Carson (280).

Nine defensive starters are back, headed by linebacker Kevin Harris and safety Denny Moore. Harris was credited with a team-high 109 tackles while Moore had 97 tackles and six interceptions. Tackles James Robinson (280) and Byron Lyons (245) and ends Sheldon Allen (295) and Terry Smith (245) comprise the line. Arnold Anderson is a steady backer while Ike Butler and Allen Anderson handle the corners.

Monday Ojeaga is an adequate kicker and tight end Curtis Neill, who averaged 37.7 yards, will handle the punting.

PRAIRIE VIEW

(3-7-1) Haney Catchings begins his first full season as the Panther coach after replacing Conway Hayman, who was forced to bail out four games into the 1987 season. The Panthers were not that far away from a respectable record—they lost three games by a combined 14 points. Catchings will try to catch up with a squad that returns 13 starters.

The Panthers will go with a pair of rookie quarterbacks in Kevin Phillips and Kevin Bray. Senior running backs Victor Pegram and Lynn Bradford help will provide leadership. Sophomore receiver Tony Johnson shows ability. Charles Jefferson (300), Herman Moore (250), and Jerry Griffin (225) shore up the line.

Vincent Huffpower (260), a two-time Sheridan All-America pick, is a prominent fixture on the defensive line, with Michael Forney (260) and Scotty Fizer (255). Sophs Mark McClen-don and Correy Estelle are the best of the linebackers. Corners Kevin McDaniel and Bill Foster rate top billing and Greg Black is solid in the secondary. Jorge Medina will handle the place-kicking.

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ARKANSAS STATE

Several stalwarts on defense have left the Indians' reservation, prompting coach Larry Lacewell to depend on many young players in hopes of improving on last year's 8-4-1 record. Reaching the Division I-AA playoffs for the fifth year in a row may be difficult unless members of a talented offensive unit carry the bulk of the early load.

Free safety Tim Smiley, who led the Indians with four interceptions last fall, and strongside linebacker Wayne Hudson are the only veterans returning on defense. Foot Daley and Don Palmer are among the top names on a long list of linebacker candidates, but a youthful, un-



STEVE LOVE
West Texas State

tested secondary could pose problems.

Richard Kimble proved to be a fugitive from opposing tacklers last season by rushing for a team-high 533 yards out of the wishbone. Fred Barnett returns after pacing the Indians a year ago with 32 receptions for 608 yards. Earl Easley, who started only two games last season, is the heir apparent at quarterback.

LOUISIANA TECH

Grooming a starting quarterback and rebuilding a secondary that suffered heavy losses to graduation are primary concerns for new coach Joe Raymond Pearce. The Bulldogs' schedule includes games against eight Division I-A teams. Improvement over last year's 3-8 record may be difficult unless Tech's offense shifts into higher gear with quarterback Gene Johnson at the controls.

Junior running back Derrick Douglas and senior receiver Lifford Jackson are mainstays on an offensive unit that scored 10 or fewer points in six games a year ago. Place-kicker Matt Stover, who connected on 34 of 45 field-goal attempts a year ago, once again could be the Bulldogs' most potent scoring threat. Glenell Sanders and Eldonta Osborne, a pair of exceptional linebackers, anchor a defense which also returns gifted cornerback Warren Seay. Sanders earned All-America laurels last season (school-record 183 tackles).

LAMAR

Raising the caliber of the Cardinals' defense to the same lofty level the team's offense enjoyed last season is of pre-eminent importance to coach Ray Albourn this fall. Lamar set school records for most points (283), most yards passing (3,884), and most total offense (3,884), marks which were offset by a defense which surrendered an average yield of 35 points per game while finishing 3-8.

Grooming a replacement for departed career rushing leader Burton Murchison will be a major task for the Cardinals, who must rely on Kenny Franklin, Sherwin Johnson, and 235-pound Naisaun Ahmadi to generate some spark in a revamped running game. Veteran quarterbacks Shad Smith and John Evans will be looking for familiar targets Derek Anderson, Chris Lafferty, and Shawn Morgan in an alignment that stresses the pass. Stephen Lee, Andy Oaks, Tim Thomas, and Cory Stagg comprise a line that averages 260 pounds from tackle to tackle.

Jeff Knox, the Cardinals' leading tackler a year ago, has been switched from rover to strong safety on a defense that returns 10 of 11 starters. Bo Brown and Michael Jackson add depth and experience at linebacker. Frank Van Renselaer tops a long list of prospective place-kickers.

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ANGELO STATE

(8-3) The Rams closed the regular season on a high note by stunning top-ranked Texas A&I, 13-6, to gain a piece of the league championship. With a seasoned squad of 16 returning regulars, coach Jerry Vandergriff appears to have the ingredients for another title.

Quarterback Mickey Russell, who passed for 1,271 yards and nine touchdowns, directs an offense that features Steven Lee, who rushed for a team-topping 427 yards. Lee was



ED BANE
Abilene Christian

one of eight Ram freshmen to start the NCAA Division II playoff game against Northern Michigan, and he led all rushers in the contest with 87 yards. Soph Kenneth Williams also is in the backfield. Split end Kelvin Kelley is being measured for All-America honors after hauling in 30 aeriels for 543 yards. Sophs Joel Smith and Myron Turner bolster the receiving corps. Senior center Scott Ledet (244) anchors the line. Kevin Woods (265) and Charles Reagor (240) provide support.

Junior end Phillip Bivens (245) and tackle Welman Bauer carry top credentials on defense. Bauer had 14 stops in his first collegiate start against Texas A&I. Linebacker Pede Hunt, one of three rookie starters on last

year's defensive unit, is impressive. Three-year mainstay Henry Alsbrooks and Terry Tilton add linebacking punch. Cornerback Terrell Washington and strong safety Sam Williams are the leaders in the secondary.

TEXAS A&I

(9-2) With tailback Johnny Bailey and fullback Heath Sherman fueling a ground game that ranked No. 1 on the NCAA Division II rushing chart (330.5 yards per game), the Javelinas are gearing up for another LSC title push after sharing the crown with Angelo State in 1987. Bailey led NCAA Division II runners for the second straight season, with 1,598 yards, down from his rookie campaign when he rambled for 2,011 yards to become only the third collegiate runner to scale the 2,000-yard mark in one year. Sherman banged out 902 yards after topping 1,000 his first two seasons.

Coach Ron Harms enters his 10th season with a veteran crew that has the look of a title contender. Quarterback Darcy Davis, who passed for 1,600 yards even with Bailey and Sherman hogging the ball on the ground, has departed along with a pair of All-America performers—offensive lineman Moses Horn and tight end Mike Dyal—and all-league defensive back Rickey Collins. But there is plenty of talent spread through the ranks. Senior quarterback James Guidry should pick up where Davis left off. Kerry Simien (26 grabs for 423 yards) is a proven receiver. Tackles Sheldon Haliburton (6-8, 310) and Rod Mounts (6-4, 310) offer an abundance of beef in the line. Bill Deen (265) adds experience.

End Johnny Eaton (230) has the tools to become a premier defensive lineman. He was credited with 55 tackles (seven sacks) while winning LSC Freshman of the Year honors last season. Tackle Mike Adams (260) earned his keep with five sacks. Kevin Beasley and Henry Smith assure solid linebacking. Sean Banks, Lawrence Batiste, and Raymond Thomas provide protection in the secondary.

CAMERON

(11-2) Although failing to turn many heads in a football-crazy state that devotes most of its attention to mighty Oklahoma University, the Aggies did something the Sooners failed to do last season by winning a national championship. Coach Brian Naber's team ran up the NAIA Division I banner by beating Carson Newman (N.C.) College, 30-2.

The Aggies will be aiming for bigger game in 1988 as they make their debut in the Lone Star Conference, whose members carry Division II ranking. Cameron won two of three games against LSC teams last season, beating Abilene Christian and Central State before losing to league co-champion Texas A&I.

Graduation claimed three first-team NAIA All-America players—offensive lineman Mike Lorenzen and defensive linemen Pat Hartline and Thomas O'Kelley—but Nabers welcomes back 14 starters. Heading the list is senior running back Robert Whitman, who had a team-leading 916 yards. Roosevelt Gamble will try to improve on last season's passing numbers (38-of-85, 357 yards). Tackle Charles Stover (255) and guard Phillip Briney (245) are the premier linemen.

The Aggies allowed an average of only 221 total yards per game, and with eight proven defenders returning the average yield could go down this season. Tackle Chris Crosley

(250) is a take-charge guy up front, while linebackers Bryan Callihan and Joe Watkins are sure tacklers. Bobby Ellis and Trevor Johnson are the cornerbacks. Free safety Charles Washington is the fastest player on the team with 4.54 speed in the 40. John Tennison and Miles Thompson are sturdy performers in the secondary. Steve Dawson is a seasoned place-kicker.

EASTERN NEW MEXICO

(9-2) Coming out of the starting gate with a rush, the Greyhounds reeled off nine straight wins last season to tie the school record for most victories in a single campaign. The season ended on a sour note for coach Don Carthel's charges, however, as they lost their final two games to Texas A&I and West Texas State. Carthel has 17 regulars returning.



LUKE LUCKY
Sul Ross

The offense should be able to generate points with quarterback Tommy Gonzalez directing an all-senior backfield that features fullback Eric Craig and tailback Rufus Smith, who ranked 1-2 in rushing. Gonzalez threw for 1,146 yards and 13 scores. Flanker Chuckie Cockrell tied for the team lead in catches. Split end Dennis Griggs has ability and tight ends Alvin Hargers and Charles Mercer offer excellent targets. Tackle Juan Sotres will receive All-America consideration.

Linebacker Michael Sinclair will make a strong bid for honors as the Hounds' defensive leader. Brian Roberson and Cornelius Jones also are dependable backers. Corner Mark Campbell has all-star potential, while safety Anthony Pertile and Andre Mayfield (5-11, 185) are stalwarts in the secondary.

Kicker Bob Gilbreath provides an added dimension on offense. He connected on 16 of 20 field goals last season to tie an LSC record and set a school mark by kicking four in one game against Angelo State.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN

(5-6) With aerial ace Rex Lamberti grounded by disciplinary action before the 1987 season got underway, the Wildcats' expected title flight wound up in a nose dive as coach John Payne's team dipped under the .500 mark. With 14 returning starters, there is ample talent available for the Christians to recover.

Fullback Gerald Todd merits all-star consideration after rushing for 855 yards and scoring 10 touchdowns. Stan Stephens and John Paul Webber shared quarterback duties and the two juniors again are due to split time. Stephens owned a slight edge in passing yards (860 to 804), but Webber held a commanding 7-1 margin in TD passes. Roderick Johnson was the league's second-leading receiver with 42 receptions for 624 yards and six TDs. Tackles John Layfield (275) and Joey Nanus (6-9, 274) are all-conference candidates, while guards Darin Cook (245) and Lewis Myers (263) have three varsity letters, as does tight end Mark Stevens.

Bill Clayton and Edward Bane will spark a defense which was the league's stingiest. Richard Bartel and Tim Mullican offer strong line play. Linebacker Steve Ates will be sorely

missed, but Richard Meister (225) will fill the void. John Skoro, Tate Richburg, and Rob Payne team with Bane to provide solid protection in the secondary. Soph Dennis Brown was perfect on 33 PAT attempts and connected on 14 of 23 field goals.

WEST TEXAS STATE

(5-6) After stampeding their way to the Lone Star Conference title with a perfect 6-0 mark in 1986, the Buffaloes dipped under .500 last year. The 1988 outlook is rather bleak for new coach Steve Graf, who can count only eight regulars returning.

Doak Taylor inherits the quarterback job vacated by Steve Kragthorpe, who threw for 1,980 yards and nine touchdowns. Graf also must find a replacement for J. R. Compton, the league's second-leading rusher (1,055 yards). Robert Hall is expected to shoulder the running load. Steve Love is the top receiver in camp and soph Michael Washington also merits attention. David Plunkett (265) and Larry Schmoker (235) are stalwarts in the line.

Nose guard David Newman (218) and corner Robert Johnson are defensive stars. Newman had a hand in 94 tackles, including five sacks, while Johnson led the league with seven interceptions. Maurice Hobson is a mainstay on the line, Tracy Mayfield and Bobby Waldon in the secondary. Linebacker Arlanders Savage is a hard hitter with experi-

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ence. Chris Kilburn has been penciled in as the place-kicker.

EAST TEXAS STATE

(2-9) Eddie Vowell is hoping his team can shake off an injury jinx that has plagued the Lions over the past two seasons, during which they have managed only four victories. Vowell will go with 15 returning starters.

Royce Slechta and Mike Trigg are the leading quarterback candidates with freshman redshirt Bob Bounds. Slechta threw for 2,015 yards to lead the conference, but Trigg came on strong in spring drills after missing 1987 with a knee injury. Jarrod Owens rushed for a team-high 825 yards to earn LSC Freshman of the Year honors. Eric Faulkner will try to rebound from a broken ankle that kept him on the sidelines last season. Fullback David Cox also helped out at linebacker, where he scored one of his five touchdowns on an 85-yard interception return. The receiving corps returns intact, providing Winfred Essix clears an eligibility ruling. Essix grabbed 51 passes for 684 yards to lead the league. Gary Compton had 28 receptions for 517 yards and split end Jeffery Dotie returns after suffering a broken collarbone late in the season. Linemen who bear watching include Kevin Hedges (285), Steve Sellers (255), Kyle Paschal (260), and Allen Roulette (264).

Defensively, the Lions are sure to be stronger with the return of linebacker Mike Ciszewski, who also missed last season with a knee injury. Ciszewski made the all-LSC first team in 1986 when he led the team with 129 stops. Tackles Gary DeVaughn (235) and Ronnie White (280) join nose guard Lee Hucklebridge. Aaron Muehlstein, Jeff Manuel, and Kerry Shelton return in the secondary. Transfer Shane Sommers is the punter.

CENTRAL STATE

(2-8) The Bronchos enter their second LSC season intent on erasing memories of a winless league record last season. Coach Gary Howard returns 15 regulars.

Soph quarterback Zane Burgess inherited the starting job vacated by Glynn Walker. The ground game looks strong with tailback Pinky Hurley coming off a rookie year that saw him rush for a team-leading 509 yards. He also returned 16 kickoffs for 376 yards and a touchdown. Freshman fullback Glen Braxton adds punch. Ray Collins hauled in 11 passes. Buck Irwin is a standout up front.

Howard is hoping to shore up a porous defense with two all-star candidates: soph linebacker Michael Bennett and end Dean Shinault. Bennett led the team in tackles while Shinault had five sacks. Linebacker Wade Standley and tackle Winfred Jones will play key stopper roles. The secondary could be shaky unless deep backs Quincy Roland and M.B. Watts mature in a hurry. Cornerback Robert Gordon is the lone returning starter.

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TARLETON

(9-3) Forging an 18-4-1 record the past two seasons has earned the Texans elite status on the small-college scene. Keeping them there is the challenge facing Hal McAfee, who has replaced Bill Pringle as head coach.

The Texans appear strong enough to make a run for a third straight championship with 13 holdover starters. The backfield is a question mark. Sophs Dent Offutt and Eric Lugo will contest for the quarterback job. Kelvin Haynes and Coby Owen spark the ground attack. Flanker Paul Allison deserves all-star rating. Blake Bryant and tight end David Neely also are receiving threats. Tackle Rodney Webb (230) and guard Grayson Wells (220) are in the line.

Tackle Corey Baker and linebacker Robert Ivey are all-star candidates. Other defensive stalwarts include nose guard John Rodriguez, linebacker Tony Montgomery, corner Mario DeSantiago, and tackle Keith Murphy. All-leaguer Mike Myers (42 of 43 PATs) and Todd Sells (37-yard average) bring stability to the kicking game.

SUL ROSS

(5-2-2) The Lobos were both lucky and good last season as quarterback Luke Lucky sparked the team to a 5-2-2 record. Dr. Ralph Micheli, entering his fourth season as SRSU coach, is looking for better things with 19 returning regulars.

Lucky is hoping to cap off his college career with another banner season after leading the TIAA with 1,662 yards. He needs to improve on his touchdown-interception (10-11) ratio, however. Ricky Williams and Randel Collins join tight end Lyn Shackelford to form a top receiving trio. Fullback Robert Stanley is a highly touted runner, while Oliver Brooks promises to improve on last year's 558 rushing yards. Center Damon Williams anchors the offensive line.

Linebacker Robert Mitchell and back Francis Jones share the spotlight on defense. Both were selected on the all-TIAA first team last season. Linebacker Lawrence Montegut is no slouch either. Darren Taylor and Ramon Rodriguez are solid links in the defensive line. Andrew Jackson, Greg George, and Martin Bankston offer steady protection in the secondary. The kicking game appears adequate with Andy Dyba (20 of 21 conversions) and Rodney Boyd (39.6).

AUSTIN COLLEGE

(2-5-3) Mel Tjeerdsma is coming off his first losing season in four years as the Kangaroo coach. But the small Presbyterian school, which places the emphasis on academics, is expected to score high marks on the gridiron this season.

Multitalented Otis Amy heads the cast of 19 returning regulars. The senior wide receiver led the TIAA in receiving (90 catches for 1,222 yards) and kickoff returns (21.3 average). Quarterback Dean Gilbert and running back Jeff Coleman lend a balanced look on offense. Gilbert completed 55 percent of his passes for 887 yards and five touchdowns while Coleman rushed for a team-leading 421 yards. A pair of all-league performers, center Steve Nivin and guard John Nix, are firm fixtures up front, with tackle Jim Tatum.

Three all-star players top the defensive unit: tackle Scooter Nolen, linebacker Kenneth Tatum, and safety Bill Didlake. Cornerback Carlos Longoria picked off five passes to lead the TIAA. Gary Don Wright is also solid. The Kangaroos led the league in passing offense (242 yards per game) and passing defense (140 yard yield) a year ago. David Goss provides superior place-kicking.

McMURRY

(3-5-2) Mark Cox approaches his first season as the Indians' coach knowing that there are some big shoes to fill for the 1988 campaign. No longer around is NAIA All-America nose guard Iverson Godfrey. Also gone is the school's record-setting combo of quarterback Kurt Ashmore and wide receiver Butch Hegeman. Ashmore threw for 1,837 yards and 19 touchdowns, while Hegeman hauled in 54 passes for 905 yards and 10 TDs.

But there are some standout players remaining. Freshman Albert Jordan is an unproven quarterback, putting more responsibility on John Fletcher, who paced TIAA runners with 990 yards. Tight end Chuck Galbreath will be the primary target after snaring 37 passes for 531 yards last season. Tackle Greg Robinson clears the way up front.

Freshman tackle Ben Martin has the tools and size (266) to sparkle in the defensive line. Another rookie, Shed Mayberry, carries top linebacking credentials. Trey Richey rates star status in the secondary. The kicking game has two seasoned players in Bruce Gillespie and Geoff Sims (36.1 average).

HOWARD PAYNE

(5-5) The Yellow Jackets have got their sting back after going 0-10 in the TIAA in 1986. They have a good shot to top the .500 mark this season with 18 returning regulars.

Quarterback Jerrod Summers, who set school records for completions (151) and passing yards (1,804), triggers an offense that also shows proven runners in halfback Tim Goodson and fullback Elliot Harvey. One of the big problems facing new coach Bill Anderson will be finding a receiver to step in for Stuart Burleson, who etched his name in the school record book by hauling in 59 passes for 1,005 yards. Scoot Russell and Mike Clinard are the leading candidates at tight end. Guards Jeff Burrus and Jeff Neal are standouts in the line, while tackles Kurt Gessler and Curtis Striznek also figure prominently.

Tackle Ricky Sparks, cornerback James Taylor, and free safety Richard McElroy merit special attention on defense. Other veterans include tackle Averion Hurts, end Mark Patrick, linebacker Sam Best, strong safety Steve Puckett, and free safety Warren Rose. Summers, who ranked No. 2 on the league's passing chart, topped the punting list with a 38-yard average.

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The Indians are starting from scratch this season as the newest TIAA school. Mike Calcote also will be getting his start in the college coaching ranks. If numbers can be used as a yardstick, Calcote should be able to field a competitive team.

Rodney Bell and Charlie Eipper will toss their hats into the quarterback ring. Blanford Paul shows speed in the backfield while Reggie Mitchell and Randy Boutwell bolster the running game. Receiver Bill Hilbun bears watching. Todd Brasher (6-3, 300) is the biggest offensive lineman. Mike Murdock, Steve Hayes, and Clay Homoker are other projected starters up front.

David Muns (255) will make an impact in the defensive line. Matt Miracle and Bobby Whisnand are the top linebacking prospects. Greg Chatham, Philip Castles, and Robert Hunter are in the secondary.

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● Seldom does a state championship take public preference over something that could lead to a national title, or high ranking, or New Year's Day bowl invitation. But when Clemson and South Carolina meet in late November, nothing can be finer than to be in Carolina... as champion. Tension is already mounting for these in-state rivals: Clemson's Tigers as *Street & Smith's* predicted Atlantic Coast Conference champions—for the third consecutive season—versus the University of South Carolina, again the top independent in the region.

It is a confrontation built on tradition, dating back to 1896 when the two universities met in Columbia. The game became "Big Thursday," a mid-October Thursday afternoon at the State Fairgrounds, where the university's rooster mascot (for Fighting Gamecocks) was once roasted by Tiger fans. It was not until 1960 that the university played in Clemson, and in 1962 it became the final game on the schedule. It has always been a sellout. When they met in Williams-Brice Stadium last fall, there were a record 75,043 in attendance, and the home-team Gamecocks won, 20-7. In

predictions

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1. Clemson, 2. Virginia, 3. North Carolina, 4. Wake Forest, 5. Duke, 6. North Carolina State, 7. Georgia Tech, 8. Maryland

independents

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southern conference

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south atlantic conference

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southern division

1. Winston-Salem State, 2. Fayetteville State, 3. Johnson C. Smith, 4. North Carolina Central, 5. Bowie State, 6. Livingstone

Clemson Memorial Stadium this November there will be a crowd to break the stadium high of 81,875 (vs. Georgia, 1987).

The two rivals take the state championship seriously, because it means more than bragging rights on the golf course or the beach. National recognition is certainly involved, as it

was a year ago. When they met, Clemson was ranked No. 8, USC No. 12. When the Gamecocks' defense stopped the vaunted Tiger running game, USC moved to No. 8 and got the Gator Bowl. Some 50,000 Gamecock fans followed the team. Clemson, meanwhile, fell to No. 13 and took the Citrus Bowl, with more than 30,000 fans accompanying. Clemson, after soundly beating Penn State, ranked No. 10 in the final UPI poll, No. 12 AP. South Carolina was selected 15th after losing to LSU.

A similar battle, with almost identical honors, will take place this November. It will match two national coaches of the year in the 1980s: Clemson's Danny Ford, who had an NCAA champion in 1981, and Joe Morrison, whose team went 10-2 in 1984. Ford is the winningest coach in ACC history (74.3 percent). Both squads have experienced personnel, but in each situation the quarterback is more than just the offensive director.

South Carolina's Todd Ellis stands 6-3, weighs 203. Clemson's Rodney Williams measures 6-2 and 210 pounds. Both redshirted their freshman years: Ellis coming from Greensboro Page High School after eluding North Carolina's Big Four, Williams from Irmo High right there in Columbia. Ellis established an NCAA passing record for freshmen, then last fall hit 55.7 percent of 432 passes for 3,206 yards and 10 touchdowns. Williams passed only 209 times in Clemson's ground game, completing 48.3 percent for 1,486 yards and 10 touchdowns. Against Penn State, when the Tigers came out throwing—catching Penn State off balance—Williams made 15 of 24 passes for 214 yards with no interceptions. In contrast, Ellis, trying to catch up to LSU in the Gator Bowl, made 28 of 48 throws for 305 yards but had four interceptions. Ellis has a new, multiple offense this season, to utilize his All-America abilities as well as to get the ball to running back Harold Green. Williams continues to direct the bruising Tiger ground game, and his forte is winning (Clemson is 22-8-2 in his starts).

Clemson gets the ACC call for a third straight conference title, but there is more or less pandemonium around the rest of the league. Coach George Welsh's Virginia Cavaliers get the call for runner-up, following last fall's surprise showing, and the other six teams could be pulled from a hat.

In the Southern Conference, which has become a dominant entity in the NCAA's Division I-AA, with three national finalists in the past five years, Marshall gets *Street & Smith's* nod after coming within a couple of late breaks of being national I-AA champs. The Thundering Herd of coach George Chaump lost to Northeast Louisiana, 43-42, a thrilling show for the I-AA football division. Marshall's quarterback is also unusual because John Gregory, a junior, is 25 years old. After high school, he played baseball for four years in the Los Angeles Dodgers' chain. Then he went to Southeastern Louisiana to play football, and the sport was dropped. The NCAA allowed transfers, and the left-hander went to Marshall, starting the first four games in 1986. He hurt a knee, returned last fall. That's longevity.

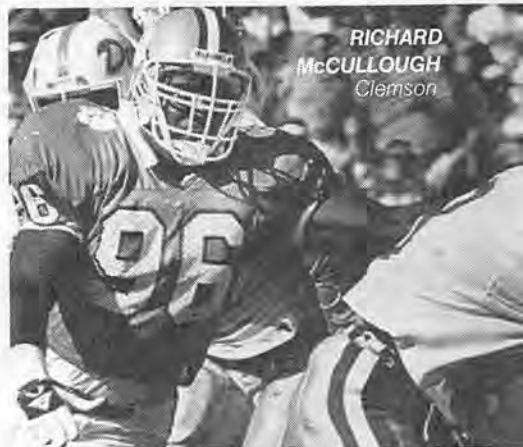
At Western Carolina, Bob Waters enters his 20th season, making him the dean of all the Atlantic Coast region football coaches. He is a phenomenon. Prior to the 1985 season, it was revealed that Waters was suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, an incurable disease that attacks the nervous system and renders muscles useless. He resigned as athletic director in 1986, devoting full time to his game, saying, "Coaching has always been the priority in my professional life. I went with my first love: football." He lost the use of both arms, but action is his middle name. He is deeply involved in fund-raising to further ALS research. The Catamounts are a dark horse in the Southern Conference.

There is a "new" scoring opportunity in college football: A chance for the defense to score two points on an extra-point glitch. Homer Rice, athletic director at Georgia Tech,

is chairman for the NCAA Football Rules Committee, which wanted to take the "boring" out of extra points (94.9 percent of attempted kicks are successful). A blocked kick or an intercepted pass returned the length of the field will count as two points in 1988.

"We've discussed putting the ball back on the 2-yard line [rather than on the 3] so more teams will go for the two points [by run or pass]," admitted Rice. "Kicking from the hash marks has also been brought up to make the kick more difficult, or even moving the ball back to the 15-yard line. There are some interesting possibilities. We've even looked at the Australian football game, where we would divide the crossbar into sections, and you'd get different points depending on where the ball went over the bar. You'd get the most points if it went straight down the middle."

Willie Jeffries is in the process of building his second dynasty in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. His South Carolina State teams dominated the league in the 1970s, and a similar trend is unfolding at Howard University. Jeffries has guided the Bison from two victories to four to eight to nine in his four seasons, and 15 starters return from the '87 team that won the MEAC crown.



RICHARD McCULLOUGH
Clemson



TODD ELLIS
South Carolina

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Running back . . . Terry Allen . . . SO. . . Clemson
Wide receiver . . . John Ford . . . SR. . . Virginia
Wide receiver . . . Clarkston Hines . . . JR. . . Duke
Tight end . . . Sean Doctor . . . SR. . . Marshall
Tackle . . . Jeff Nunamacher . . . SR. . . Clemson
Tackle . . . Fe Cowan . . . SR. . . Furman
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Guard . . . Pat Boyd . . . SR. . . Howard
Center . . . Chuck Massaro . . . SR. . . N.C. State
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Line . . . Robert Presbury . . . SR. . . Delaware State
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Back . . . Kevin Cook . . . JR. . . Virginia
Return specialist . . . Howard Huckaby . . . SR. . . Florida A&M
Punter . . . Anthony Dilweg . . . SR. . . Duke

The most likely candidate to spoil Howard's party is Delaware State, which is also well-fortified with veterans. The Hornets, who lost to Howard, 12-7, in a showdown for the 1987 championship, should be especially stingy on defense. Florida A&M and South Carolina State should battle for third place. North Carolina A&T, Bethune-Cookman, and Morgan State will strive to avoid the second division.

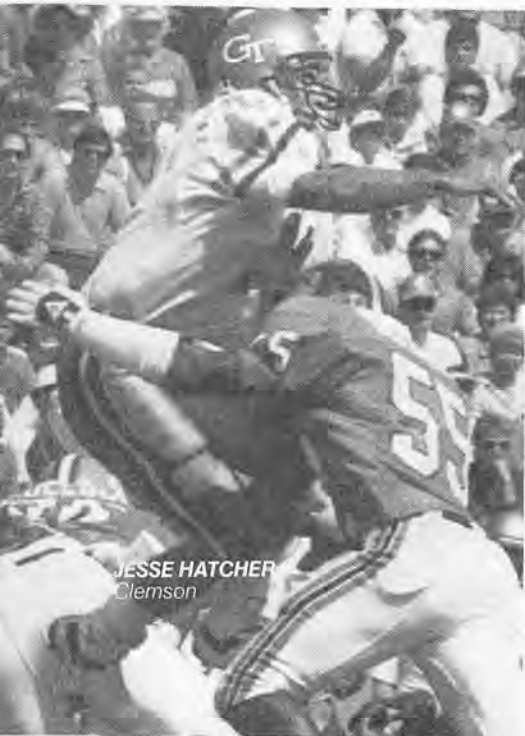
The folks around the South Atlantic Conference like to brag that winning the national championship is easier than winning the league title. They might not be exaggerating too much. Look no further than last season for proof. Carson-Newman fell three times to conference foes and yet played for the national crown in December.

Carson-Newman, which lost to Cameron in the NAIA finals, has played in the national title game four of the past five seasons. With 12 starters returning, a similar season is not impossible. But rest assured that Gardner-Webb (with only regular-season and playoff losses to Carson-Newman blotting its 1987 record), playoff quarterfinalist Presbyterian, and traditional power Elon will concede nothing.

Look for an instant replay in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association this season with Hampton overcoming a strong challenge

to repeat in the North Division and Winston-Salem State dominating again in the South. Although Winston-Salem State has a new head coach, don't expect many changes... especially in the won-loss column. The Rams return 14 regulars from the CIAA's overall 1987 champions and Pete Richardson, the new coach, said that "we'll do basically the same things" that produced a 90-40-2 record in 12 seasons under Bill Hayes. If the Rams stumble, look for Fayetteville State and Johnson C. Smith to provide the challenge.

The North is another story and a division that the faint of heart should avoid. Hampton goes in favored, but the Pirates will face stiff resistance from Virginia Union, Virginia State, and possibly Norfolk State. "All those teams could win eight games each," Hampton coach Fred Freeman said. "There's no such thing as an easy Saturday."



JESSE HATCHER
Clemson

atlantic coast conference

CLEMSON

(10-2,6-1) The Tigers ranked 10th in the final UPI poll, beat Penn State, 35-10, in the Citrus Bowl—and everything is rolling. Coach Danny Ford, age 40, begins his 10th season with the Clemson Tigers, making him the dean of ACC coaches. He's pointing to a third consecutive ACC championship, which would be only the fifth such happening in league history. There are 17 returning starters, plus the punter—and the tradition and the fans, who led the ACC in attendance again (79,400 avg.).

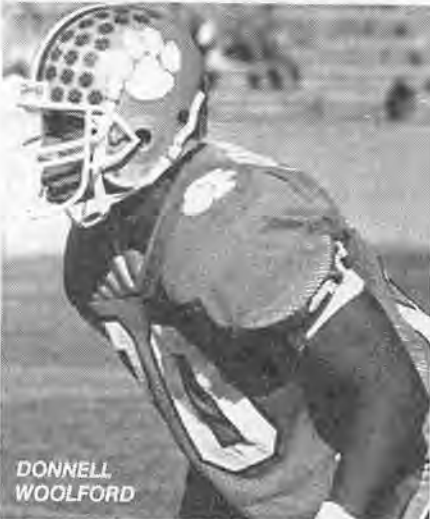
The Tiger attack runs the ball, leading the ACC in rushing (244.3-yard avg.), only eighth in passing. But Ford came out against Penn State throwing the ball. Actually, the defense almost stole the show. It ranked No. 2 nationally against the rush (80-yard avg.) and No. 5 in total defense. Clemson led the ACC in allowing only 15.1 points per game, while scoring 27.1, second only to Duke. The challenge

for the coming season: five conference games on the road, plus Florida State on the third Saturday.

Two spots are open in the defensive line. "We lost such good, quick players from that area," said Ford. "But we do return five down linemen who have been around." With Raymond Chavous (6-5, 280) at one tackle again, Richard McCullough (6-5, 265) will battle soph Vance Hammond (6-7, 280) at the other. Competing at middle guard are Mark Drag (6-4, 255) and soph Mervin Green (6-2, 280).

Jesse Hatcher remains the bandit, and favored at the other outside spot will be freshman All-America John Johnson. Norman Haynes and Vince Taylor return as inside linebackers, a strong position with Dorian Marable, redshirt freshman Ed McDaniel, and sophs Chuck O'Brien and Doug Brewster, who started the final four games. But it is the secondary where the Tigers are I-o-a-d-e-d. Three seniors are in the backfield: Kodak All-America Donnell Woolford, Gene Beasley, and Richard Smith. James Lott completes the quartet, backed by Tyron Mouzon and Rusty Charpia, who missed spring drills playing shortstop for Clemson's Top 20 baseball club.

Senior quarterback Rodney Williams directs the offense. He threw only 209 times, got 1,486 yards; he ran the ball 75 times for marginal gains. But Williams wins. His career record is 22-8-2. He was selected Citrus Bowl



MVP. His receiving corps accounted for 107 of last season's 109 completions, his runners 99 percent of the rushing. His tailbacks gained 2,120 yards.

Terry Allen, the ACC Rookie of the Year, rushed for 973 yards. He is backed by Wesley McFadden (781) and Joe Henderson (266). At fullback 230-pound senior Tracy Johnson got 557 yards. Chris Lancaster is an excellent blocker. The receivers are again Ricardo Hooper, Keith Jennings (31 catches, for 475 yds), and Gary Cooper (34-618). James Coley and Jerome Williams battle at tight end.

Only one guard is missing from the offensive line. Competing there are Pat Williams (6-4, 285) and Mark Inge (6-4, 265). Soph Eric Harmon (6-1, 265) returns at guard and Jeff Bak (6-2, 255) at center. Tackles are again all-conference Jeff Nunamacher (6-2, 300) and three-year starter Ty Granger (6-6, 270). It is a solid, mobile unit.

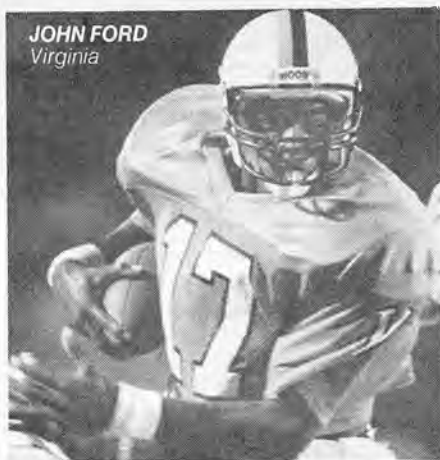
VIRGINIA

(8-4, 5-2) The Cavaliers kicked off their 100th season of football April 23 with a spring game, which witnessed rookie quarterback Shawn Moore (remember the name) throw 55- and 56-yard touchdown passes and coach George Welsh lead the annual Dogwood Festival Parade as grand marshal. It was a definite sign of continued optimism. Virginia for the first time ever captured five wins in the conference last fall, eight overall, and won another bowl game. The Cavaliers have never lost a bowl game (2-for-2 under Welsh). They finished a strong second in the league and take a five-game win streak into 1988.

"This is the best shape that the football program has been in during my six years at Virginia," said Welsh. We have a lot of players coming back [16 returning starters] and we've got some depth." The offense ranked second to Duke with 391.4 yards, second to Clemson in rushing (169.4), and third to Duke and Maryland in passing (222.0). And four of the first five games are at home: William & Mary, Penn State, Georgia Tech, and conference-favorite Clemson.

Offensively, all-star quarterback Scott Scales, drafted by the Dallas Cowboys, is missing, but a good athlete, redshirt sophomore Shawn Moore, steps in. He played sparingly last fall but starred in the spring game with those long TDs. He is a fine runner as well. Backing him in the youth corps will be Brian Satola and Matt Blundin. The top six rushers return, led by soph Marcus Wilson (692 yards) and Kevin Morgan (487) at tailback and Durwin Greggs (426) at fullback. Chris Warren (380 yards in 1986) returns after a year's absence. John Ford (6-3, 207) is the key receiver, the long-distance hitter. He averaged 17.8 yards on 48 catches, making all-conference and several All-America honorable mentions. With him will be Tim Finkelston; at tight end is Joel Dempsey and Bruce McGonnigal. Among the seven returning starters are tackle Tim O'Connor (6-6, 273), guard Roy Brown (6-6, 258), and center Tim Morris (6-3, 244).

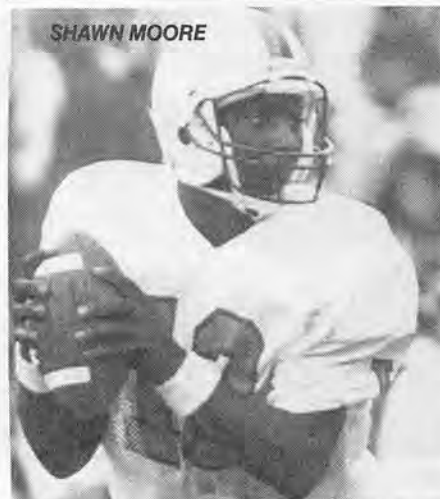
Only an end and a back are missing from Virginia's defense, which held opponents to 23.6 points per game, enough to allow the offense's 24.5 ppg. to post the winning record. Four regulars returning up front include soph nose guard Ron Carey (6-3, 257), end Ray Savage, who ranked second in tackles, and tackles Eric Hairston (6-4, 282) and Elton



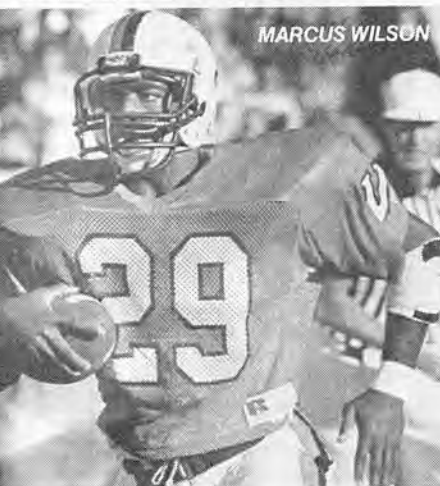
JOHN FORD
Virginia



KEVIN MORGAN



SHAWN MOORE



MARCUS WILSON

Toliver (6-2, 262). Vying for the other line spot will be Preston Hicks and Tim Sanford.

Returning starters at linebacker are David Griggs, who was out with an injury the last four games, and team-leading tackler Jeff Lageman. Phil Thomas, who replaced Griggs, and part-time starter Matt Woods are challenging. A definite strength is the secondary. The returning regulars are soph Keith McMeans, who led the nation with nine interceptions; all-conference junior Kevin Cook, with eight intercepts; and soph Tony Covington. Junior Dennis Fields moves to a starting role.

In addition to the 16 returning starters, only four of whom are seniors, both kickers are on hand. Place-kicker Mark Inderlied led the team in scoring (70 points). Fred Carter did the punting (38.2 avg.) until a late-season injury. They complete the Cavalier versatility, another positive aspect.

NORTH CAROLINA

(5-6, 3-4) There's a new coach and new optimism on the Chapel Hill campus, but there's also the stark reality that three of the first four Saturdays will see South Carolina, Oklahoma, and Auburn. Maybe a bright spot, Oklahoma will come to Chapel Hill. The new coach, Mack Brown, came from Tulane, where he was also the athletic director. The erratic Tar Heels had a 5-3 mark going into last November and were considered a bowl potential, but they lost the last three games and coach Dick Crum (72-41-3, most victories at North Carolina).

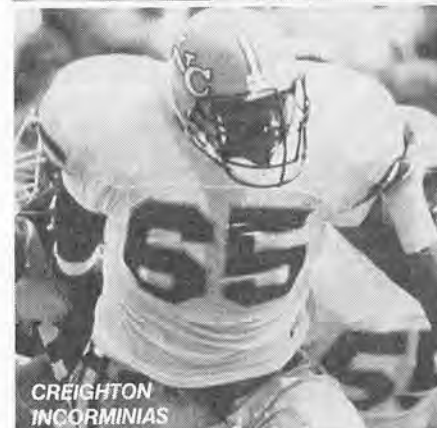
The Tar Heels will have a new quarterback and a new defensive front. There are seven offensive starters, including the entire line, but only four defensively. "We did not enter the spring with a depth chart," said Brown. "The players will decide that with their performances." But after spring drills he concluded, "We've got to be stronger, and we need to become a faster football team."

All-conference Pat Crowley (6-3, 286), the first sophomore in school history to make all-ACC in the offensive line, heads the unit, teaming with Steve Steinbacher (6-4, 277). Darrell Hamilton (6-6, 265) and Creighton Incorminias (6-4, 293) are the guards around center Jeff Garnica (6-4, 265). Torin Dorn (479 yards in six games due to a bad ankle) tops the tailbacks, although he underwent arthroscopic knee surgery in May. Two sophs back him: Aaron Staples and Kennard Martin. James Thompson (234 pounds) returns as the regular fullback, backed by soph Michael Benefield and redshirt freshman Brian Voolech. Randy Marriott is the only returnee with a pass reception to his credit, but he led the team with 36 (17.6 avg.). John Keller, handicapped by injury last fall, leads the tight ends. Redshirt freshman Deems May highlighted the spring at quarterback. He stands 6-5, 220. Jonathan Hall, out with injury last year, can start the season if his shoulder is ready, and there are two other redshirt freshmen: Scott McAlister and Bret Strachan.

Defensive experience lies behind the line. Antonio Goss and Mitch Wike top the linebackers, along with John Reed. Only Dan Voolech remains in the secondary, but the other starters will undoubtedly be lettermen Skeet Baldwin, Victor Bullock, and Larry Whiteside, backed by converted tailbacks Clarence Carter and Brad Sullivan. Gone is the defensive line, and Cecil Gray (6-5, 293) is the most experienced of the reserves who will get



JAMES THOMPSON
North Carolina



**CREIGHTON
INCORMINIAS**

starting nods. Three all-conference players were among those completing eligibility. In addition to Gray, newcomers on the front will be David Newkirk and redshirt freshman Roy Barker (6-5, 264).

The kicking department was left empty when Kenny Miller graduated. He was the team's top scorer (62 points) and averaged 41.2 yards punting.

WAKE FOREST

(7-4, 4-3) Coach Bill Dooley's second edition of the Demon Deacons marks them as a dark horse in the ACC football race, but not as a surprise, which was the situation last fall. Coming in from Virginia Tech, Dooley's Deacons opened up 5-0, a true surprise, before losing to Maryland, 14-0. They were in the bowl picture until the last minute, posting Wake Forest's best mark in the 1980s. The man in charge became the ACC Coach of the Year in his "rookie" season (21st overall). The Deacon offense was balanced but it was the defense that seemed to win ball games. It ranked No. 2 in the ACC in total defense, No. 4 rushing, and No. 1 passing.

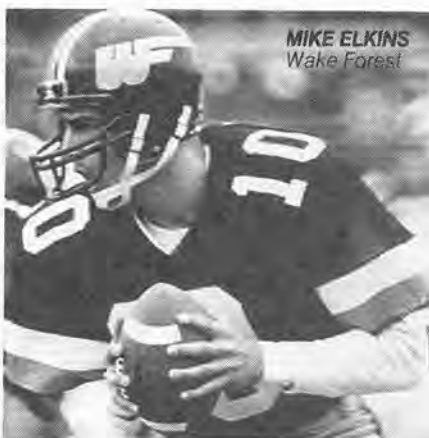
The Deacons are missing returning starters at fullback and tight end, but Dooley claimed: "We're as thin as tissue paper at tailback." The offense has adjusted to the balanced, even run-oriented, attack with a senior quarterback, Mike Elkins (6-3, 215), who is ranked the best passer in the conference. In the new attack Elkins hit 53.3 percent of his throws for

1,915 yards, but he had 19 interceptions, 13 coming in the four defeats. All-conference Mark Young is the tailback. He ran for 795 yards despite a nagging ankle injury throughout October. Soph Tony Rogers (265 yards) backs him. Battling for fullback will be Brian Johnson and Dave Herrman, who have three carries between them. Ricky Proehl at wingback caught 54 passes for 788 yards and seven touchdowns, 40 percent of the aerial gains. Sophomore Steve Brown, with 18 catches, returns as wide receiver. At tight end there is competition between senior David Jarvis and redshirt freshman Scott Clinard. The front returns intact, a strength of the Deacons. The line is center Tony Mayberry (6-4, 265), guards Jay Deaver (6-4, 246) and Joe Kenn (6-3, 287), the latter voted the top lineman by his teammates, and tackles Rod Ferguson (6-6, 260) and Steve Fleming (6-6, 283).

There are also eight starters returning on defense, which was outstanding a year ago. The line includes nose guard Terry Smith (6-2, 255), tackles Kelly Vaughan (6-4, 251) and Marvin Mitchell (6-5, 285), and ends David Braxton and Mike Hooten. If anything, the secondary is the real power of the unit. A.J. Greene, a four-year starter and all-conference pick, has led the club three straight seasons with interceptions, and he closed off the 1987 season against Georgia Tech by intercepting four times. Two seniors join him again, three-year starter Tony Mosley and Ernie Purnsley, who played only six games due to knee troubles. The linebackers are new, featuring the

to even their record and had Wake Forest, N.C. State, and North Carolina remaining, they received more than casual bowl mention. Duke lost five games by a touchdown or less, including those to Wake Forest (27-30) and N.C. State (45-47) to end all the bowl talk.

There will be a new approach. Defensive coordinator Rick Johnson was hired from TCU and has installed the 4-3. The eight-man front finished last in the ACC in total defense. There are seven starters with experience, and Johnson may have the tallest line in football: Jeff Patten (6-6, 232) a third-year starter at end; Anthony Allen (6-5, 252), MVP in the spring, at tackle; Brian Bernard (6-6, 280) at the other tackle. Vying for jobs are two "little" 6-4 guys: John McDonald and Marc Crayton.



MIKE ELKINS
Wake Forest

George Edwards and top tackler Randy Sally lead the linebackers, where Jim Worthington returns after a year's injury. Jeff Brown and John Howell are also listed. The secondary is experienced, mainly with Rodney Dickerson and Mike Diminick, the latter a two time academic All-America. Filling out the corps will be Fonda Williams, Eric Volk, Erwin Sampson, and Rodney Hooks.

Anthony Dilweg will climax a most unusual college career. He will be the Blue Devil punter for the fourth year, and after being backup for three seasons, the 6-4, 215-pound senior is the No. 1 quarterback. His lone start was against Clemson, when he passed for 305 yards. "We need to remember he's really only played one game in three years, so we need to get him as much experience as possible," said Spurrier. Backing him are sophs Clint Alexander and Kenny Hull. The running game is sound, led by tailback Roger Boone (550 yards), soph Randy Jones, and Wayne Charles, with 230-pound senior John Rymiszewski at fullback. And the passing game is outstanding. Boone came out of the backfield for 62 catches (587 yards) last fall, but wide receiver Clarkston Hines set ACC records with 1,093 yards and 11 TDs, making all-ACC. He is backed by senior Greg Downs, sophs Keith Daniel and Keith Ewell. Only one regular is missing in the line. Back for another starting season, and blocking well for an exciting offense, will be tight end Dave Colonna (6-5, 241), tackles Chris Port (6-7, 269) and Bret Tulacro (6-4, 289), guard Ted McNairy (6-5, 265), and center Carey Metts (6-1, 255).

Doug Peterson was the leading scorer (79 points). He established a school record with 15 field goals. The punter, Dilweg, can put the ball in the air—with his arm or leg.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

(4-7, 4-3) When coach Dick Sheridan came to Raleigh three seasons ago, the Wolfpack experienced "instant magic" and he was named ACC Coach of the Year. N.C. State finished second in the conference. Then it turned to "instant frustration" last fall. The Pack couldn't win a game outside the league, losing 14-32 to East Carolina and 0-34 to Pittsburgh. Although the Wolfpack did get a third-place tie in the league, it had little finishing power. N.C. State was outscored 34-82 and 49-71 in the two final quarters for the season. It finished last in ACC total offense and had only 125.4 yards rushing, or 2.9 per play.

The offense needs to get more than the 19.3 points it scored per game last fall, when the opposition scored 27.5. Sharing last year's quarterbacking were Preston Poag, who started the first seven games, and Shane Montgomery, who took over after Poag's injury. After spring drills, they still split the assignment. Poag threw for 741 yards and beat Clemson, 30-20, whereas Montgomery had 1,144 passing yards and beat Duke, 47-45. In spring drills soph Charles Davenport, a converted wide receiver, co-starred. Fullback Mal Crite (463 yards) tops the runners, backed by Steve Salley and Marty Karriker. The tailbacks are Todd Varn (182 yards) and soph Chris Williams (140). The receiving corps gets a big boost with the return of former all-conference Nasrallah Worthen, who sat out last season. Danny Peebles, a four-time All-America sprinter for State's nationally-ranked track



WAYNE CHARLES
Duke

Belin brothers. Warren is a sophomore, Levern a redshirt freshman. They team with Rodney Hogue and Ralph Godic.

Place-kicker Wilson Hoyle set a school record with 16 field goals; Martin Bailey will be doing the punting for the fourth season.

DUKE

(5-6, 2-5) The Blue Devils enter 1988 talking about shoring up the defense, and that is a necessity in coach Steve Spurrier's second season. His specialty: putting points on the scoreboard. The Blue Devils did that last fall: No. 1 in the ACC in total offense (419 yards) and scoring (27.4 points). They started 3-0, excellent for a new program, but then went 0-4. Yet, when they beat Georgia Tech, 48-14,



CLARKSTON HINES
Duke

team, caught 22 passes for a 14.2 average. Bobby Harrell returns at tight end, backed by Rudy Mills. All-ACC center Chuck Massaro was voted MVP among the offensive linemen. Tackle Lance Hammond (6-3, 277) has been moved to guard.

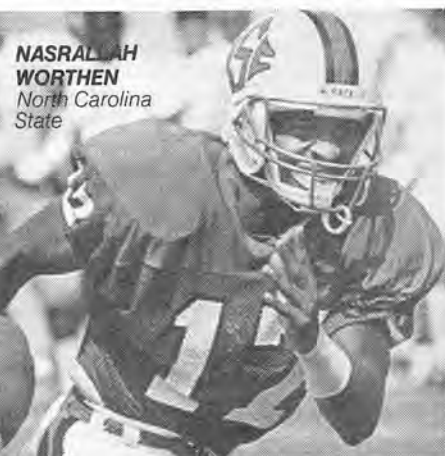
Seven starters give the defensive unit strength at all areas. Up front again will be nose guard John Adleta (6-4, 266) and tackles Ray Agnew (6-4, 270) and Derick Debnam, along with William Hairston. Scott Auer tops the outside linebackers, with Bobby Houston and sophs Ed Reid and Corey Edmond. Two sophs, Ray Frost and Clayton Henry, top the inside linebackers. They are backed by Grant Slavin and Michael Woods. The secondary has experience, sparked by Michael Brooks, the leading tackler last fall, with 105, along with five interceptions. Soph Joe Johnson is also a returning starter, supported by Al Byrd, Barry Anderson, Dexter Royal, and Jesse Campbell.

Bryan Carter is the place-kicker again. He was the top scorer (47 points). But the Pack's all-conference punter is gone, and that detail may be handled by Poag.

GEORGIA TECH

(2-9, 0-6) Coach Bobby Ross's inaugural season at Rose Bowl Field was not exactly what he had planned, coming from Maryland in the sudden shift of ACC coaches a year ago. Riddled with injuries, the Rambling Wreck failed to win a conference game, certainly an undesired first since Tech joined the ACC in 1979. The passing game held its own but Tech only rushed for 135.7 yards per game.

"We'll be playing a lot of redshirted fresh-



NASRALLAH WORTHEN
North Carolina State

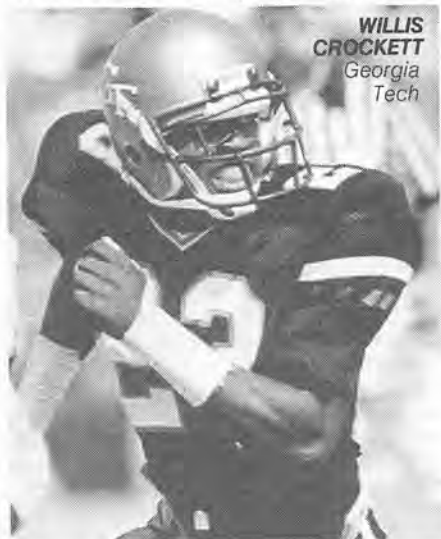
men, and they will be playing major roles for us," said Ross. Among them might be the No. 1 quarterback. The Yellow Jackets will learn their conference competition early: 2nd and 3rd week against Virginia and Clemson, *Street & Smith's* predicted 1-2. Senior Todd Rampley might be the early runner at quarterback, but redshirt freshman Lee Williamson, a left-hander, was outstanding in the spring. Mike Rhodes (6-7, 224) and soph Scott Aldridge also contend for the position.

At tailback junior Alphanzo Thomas (339 yards) and senior Richard Hills (373) split duties a year ago, and the 1986 star, Jerry Mays (842), returns after missing last season with an injury. Soph Stefan Scotton (4.6 avg.) is at fullback. Starting receivers again will be Steve Davenport, whose 29 receptions included five TDs, and soph Greg Lester, who had 33 catches. Chris Caudle (6-5, 251) is the tight end, backed by Alonzo Watson and Jim Gallagher. Four starters are back in the line, a team strength. They include center Eric Bear-den (6-2, 254), who will be a four-year starter; soph guard Joe Siffr (6-5, 280), and tackles Jessie Marion (6-4, 276) and Darryl Jenkins (6-5, 283). They are backed by the top reserve tackle, Pat James (6-4, 276), and massive Mike Mooney (6-7, 321). Vying for the other guard spot are Wayne Mote, a former starter, and Scott Beavers.

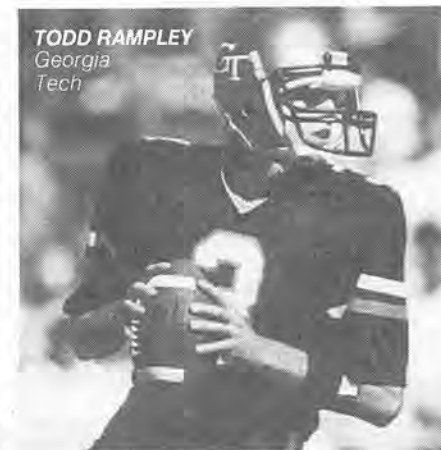
Seven regulars also return defensively, including Willie Burks at nose guard, a two-year starter. The tackles Sean Smith (6-7, 263) and one of two sophs, Chris Simmons and Jerimiah McClary. Willis Crockett starts as outside linebacker, teaming with George Malone and Orion Cox. Heading the outside corps is Eric Thomas, an industrial engineering major whose summer job was radiation decontami-

nation of nuclear power plants. Rod Stephens is also a regular returning. The secondary has experience, if not depth, topped by Cedric Stallworth, a two-year starter, and Jay Martin, the top returning tackler. In this corps also will be Gerald Chamblin, Mike MacIntyre, and converted tailback Angelo Rush.

Sean McDevitt returns for his third season punting (39.5 avg.), but place-kicker Thomas Palmer needs to be more consistent. As for the Rambling Wreck overall: "We are stronger and we are bigger. We're more physical than we were at any time last year," said Ross.



WILLIS CROCKETT
Georgia Tech



TODD RAMPLEY
Georgia Tech

MARYLAND

(4-7, 3-3) Maryland's Terps must restock in a hurry. Joe Krivak, in his second season as head coach, rebuilds the offense minus veteran quarterback Dan Henning and the defense without high draft pick Kevin Walker. There are only 29 lettermen, which means that almost half the 1987 squad has gone. The upcoming schedule is tough, six opponents having played in bowl games last season. The Terps also play Georgia Tech for the first time ever, meaning the ACC finally solved that scheduling conflict after 10 years. The youth corps must establish itself quickly each Saturday. The Terps were outscored 29-90 in the first quarter last fall.

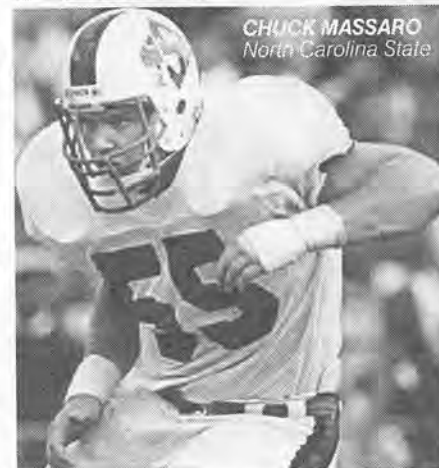
Maryland was eighth in ACC scoring (17.6 ppg.). Although its passing game under Henning was second only to Duke, the rushing placed last as the Terps, 4-3 after beating Duke, 23-22, lost their final four games. Neil

O'Donnell, who started the last four games and had 913 yards passing, gets the starting quarterback call, backed by sophomore Scott Zolak (6-5, 210) and redshirt freshman Paul Romanchock. Krivak thinks the situation at running back "is a lot brighter than it was a year ago." Bren Lowery is the leading rusher (556 yards) as well as top receiver (44 for 252 yards) and he is backed by Mike Anderson. Dennis Spinelli (249 yards) returns at fullback, teaming with juco transfer James Matthews.

The receiving corps consists of Vernon Joines (24 catches, 15.9 avg.) ahead of Barry Johnson and converted defensive back Dean Green. Blaine Rose is at tight end with soph Bret Boehly and David Carr. Injuries prevent-



BREN LOWERY
Maryland



CHUCK MASSARO
North Carolina State

ed fielding the same offensive line in more than three consecutive games, and spring drills had starters trying other positions. Both tackle Mark Agent (6-5, 264) and guard John Rugg (6-2, 262) tried the center spot, and other linemen are juco transfer Heston Silbert (6-6, 285), fifth-year senior Ben Jefferson, Rich Nelson, and soph Rich Salgado.

Defensively, with five returning starters, the experience lies in the secondary, where all four regulars return: sophomore Mike Hollis and seniors J.B. Brown, Irvin Smith, and Chad Sydnor. Another soph, Kevin Fowlkes, started

three games and will get plenty of action. The linebacking corps was depleted. Only Scott Saylor has experience. He started three games and was second in tackles. He teams on the inside with Scott Whittier, Glenn Page, and Matt D'Amico. Kevin Hudak, a tight end, has been moved to outside linebacker, teamed with sophs Karl Edwards and Bob Rushnak. Tackles Warren Powers (6-7, 275), a returning starter, and Wayne Brunson (6-4, 243) provide experience in the line, backed by redshirt freshman Larry Webster and Lobo Zizakovic (6-8, 240), a Canadian. Mike Kise-lak and soph Rick Fleece lead the guards, but redshirt freshmen Ralph Orta and Derek Steele will get playing time.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

(8-4) There's Todd Ellis, and nobody in the country has a better quarterback. The Gamecocks started last season on the strength of his strong arm, added the running skills of Harold Green, and South Carolina reached the Top 10 and went to the Gator Bowl. From this talented squad 10 starters return, plus the two kickers and 15 redshirt freshmen. The



MATT
McKERNAN
South Carolina

Gamecocks will be just as good, possibly better. But coach Joe Morrison will alter his attack, going from the Run-and-Shoot because of Ellis's arm to a multiple offense put in by the new coordinator, Al Groh (the ex-Wake Forest head). It will be Morrison's sixth season at Columbia (31-24-2) and he's cautious: "We lost some key people, and we have some young, untested talent." USC opens with North Carolina, always a tester.

A year ago the Gamecock offense rushed 474 plays for 1,609 yards and threw 441 times for 3,235 yards. That calculates to 3.4 yards per rush, 7.34 yards per pass attempt. Ellis, a junior, set all sorts of records with his 3,206 yards and 55.8 percentage, yet his TDs dropped in half from his freshman year's 20. That was partially due to the running of Green, who had 1,022 yards in 229 carries—outstanding, especially in a passing offense. Also returning: Keith Bing (5.6 yds/avg.), Greg Welch (6.3), and Kevin Jones (4.5).

Gone are Ellis's receivers, the top five, and

missing spring work because of baseball were Hardin Brown, soph Skeets Thomas, Vic McConnell, and speedster Eddie Miller. At tight end are converted running back Ken Watson and redshirt frosh Charles Steward (6-3, 230), a *Parade* All-America. Paul Shivers (6-3, 258) and soph Calvin Stephens (6-3, 275) return at guard, backed by Charlie Gowan (6-3, 253). Mark Fryer (6-4, 258), a two-year starter, tops the tackles as a first-team academic All-America, teaming with Kenny Haynes (6-3, 274) and soph Ike Harris (6-5, 255). Randy Harwell (6-2, 273) is at ender.

There are also five returning starters defensively, including two linebackers: soph Patrick Hunter and Matt McKernan, third in tackles last season (91). They team with sophs Robert Gibson and Marvin Oglesby and junior Steve Strowder. The secondary is again headed by two-year starting senior Robert Robinson, plus Stephane Williams, Ken Sally, Ron Rabune, and redshirt freshman Keith McDonald. Kurt Wilson at tackle and Scott Windsor at end spark the line. Windsor had more defensive plays than any other member of the team, and he will team with Kevin Hendrix. Also at tackle are Derrick Frazier and redshirt freshman Marty Dye. Two sophomores will battle for nose tackle: Tim High and Theartis Woodard.

Kicking is a certain strength. As a freshman last year, Collin Mackie set an NCAA rookie record with 25 field goals, leading the Gamecocks with 113 points. Punter Rodney Price had an excellent 42.1-yard average, his longest being 63 yards. They will be major items in the 1988 formula.

EAST CAROLINA

(5-6) The Pirates are ready to pick up a little momentum and attain that first goal in the football comeback: a winning season. Down 35—21 to Southern Mississippi early in the fourth quarter of the final game, the Pirates rallied to 38—34 until time ran out. ECU also played the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the nation.

Coach Art Baker has nine returning starters on the offense, and even though it's billed as Run-and-Shoot, there was mostly running a year ago. The opposition outgained the Pirates 217.5 to 128.7 yards by passing each game. The Pirates started slowly. They were outscored, 78-41 in the first quarter. By the

fourth period they were able to hold their own, 87—80, and that's what Baker wants to spread over 60 minutes this fall. They need to accomplish that early in the season, too. They visit Virginia Tech and South Carolina in the first three Saturdays.

The offense holds top attention, but the key to the attack is quarterback Travis Hunter, who has started for two seasons. He rushed for 371 yards and hit 49 percent of his passes with only five interceptions. "Such quick feet, a threat every time he runs, and his passing improved greatly during the offseason," said Baker. Anthony Simpson did most of the rushing for the past two years, and Tim James now takes over at fullback. For the slotbacks there are Jarrod Moody (the best receiver out of the backfield), Reggie McKinney, Willie Lewis, and Denell Harper. They platooned for 910 yards. Wide receivers are Walter Wilson, Don Gaylor, and redshirt freshman Terry Bennett. Matt McLaughlin is at tight end. The line returns intact. Center Kyle Condrey (6-1, 250) was named the most valuable lineman last fall. The guards are Billy Michel (6-4, 270) and Stewart Southall (6-1, 260), backed by soph Chad Martin (6-4, 280) and juco transfer Walt Hammett (6-3, 262).

On the defensive side it's a matter of starting over. Only four regulars return, and new coordinator Richard Bell is presenting an eight-man front. Bryan Haywood is back at free safety, soph Ed Brodgen and Junior Robinson at the corners. Up front tackle Mike Applewhite (6-3, 283) is the only regular, teaming with Carl Carney. Ends will be Shannon Boling and soph Joey Maddox, backed by redshirt freshman Joe Bright and transfer Joe Holmes. The linebackers are newcomers; only Glen Willis and Compton McCurry are lettermen. Anthony Thompson and James Singletary battle for inside spots, leaving Junior Johnson, Brian McPhatter, and Flint McCallum candidates in the wide-open battle outside.

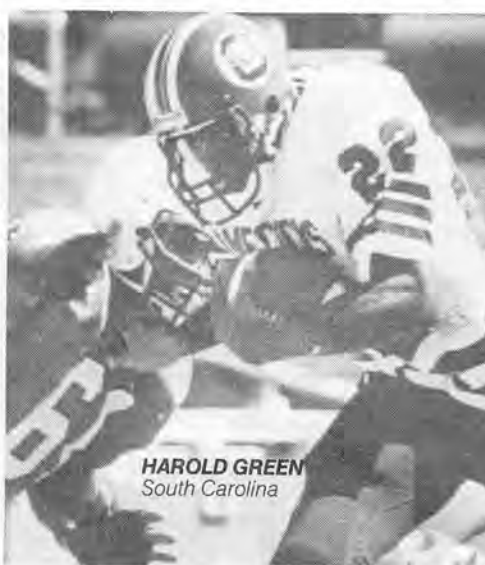
Soph Robb Imperato, with some experience, takes over the place-kicking, and Craig Losito, a 252-pound punter, continues.

JAMES MADISON

(9-3) Youth will take over in coach Joe Purzycki's fourth season at James Madison, and it will be a considerable challenge because



COLLIN MACKIE
South Carolina



HAROLD GREEN
South Carolina

the Dukes made 1987 a banner year: nine victories and in the Division I-AA playoffs for the first time. Only five seniors are among the 37 returning lettermen. James Madison's defense has ranked in the top 15 nationally for three straight years. Among the losses are two-year starting quarterback Eric Green and All-America guard Carlo Bianchini, standard-bearers in the attack that scored 24.6 points and gained 365.3 yards per game.

First order of business: quarterback. Junior Greg Lancaster started four games as a freshman, was out of school in 1986, and used sparingly last fall. Roger Waters, a sophomore, was redshirted last fall. Fullback Greg Medley (843 yards) is backed by Willie Lanier (279 yards), with soph Leon Taylor as tailback. Keith Thornton averaged 16.9 yards per catch at split end, along with Kelvin Dale. Three returning regulars boost the offensive line: center Rob Howard (6-3, 265), tackle Richie Bresee (6-3, 265), and soph guard Chris Schellhammer. The starting center in 1986, Tom Halikman, returns after sitting out last season, and others getting playing time will be Todd Mikolajczyk, Eric Baylor, Brian Rees, and Alabama transfer Scott Tucker. At tight end will be Walt Frye and redshirt freshman Dwayne Hayes.

Several defensive players return after sitting out last season. Linebacking is a strength. Shawn Woodson and Dan Kobosko were second and third in tackles last year, and Darryl Thompson and Sonny Smith battle for the other spot. In the secondary are two-year starters Eupton Jackson and John Gutter, both sophomores. They will be joined by Mark Kiefer, a transfer from Navy. Tackle Greg Colvin returns after missing last season and sparks the line with Steve Bates. Paul Fornadel has lettered at nose guard for two seasons, joined by sophs D.R. Carlson and Jermel Harris.

Important to the offense will be the kicking of Tim Garritty, who had 54 points to share scoring honors with Greg Medley.

WILLIAM & MARY

(5-6) Enthusiasm naturally arises with the fact that W&M won three of its final four games last fall, beating in-state rivals VMI and Richmond in the November process. Coach Jimmie Laycock, in his ninth season, emphasized the rebuilding program "Patience is the key." His team went into the final month with a 2-5 mark, and there was little joy in Colonial Williamsburg. But three victories down the stretch turned everything around — for 1988. The Tribe opens at in-state rival Virginia of the ACC, and there is a first-ever game with the Georgia Bulldogs. W&M points for a return to the I-AA playoffs, which it made in 1986.

Defensively, the Tribe returns eight starters and the linebacking corps intact in the 3-4 alignment. Brad Uhl led the tackling a year ago and Kerry Gray was second despite missing two games on injury. They return with Dave Wiley, a co-captain, and Todd Lee. In the secondary are Ryan Ferebee and Greg Kimball, along with Chris Gessner, Jimmy Mallory, and Shawn Davis. Tackle Bill Muse and nose guard Scott Ratamess are back up front. They get help from Danny Gidden, Joe Marczyk, and Mike Smakosz.

A consistent offense begins with the quarterback, and Laycock can depend on senior John Brosnahan. The coach said, "We'll put a

re-emphasis on the passing game since Brosnahan has more experience and we have depth at that and other skilled positions." Brosnahan, ranked 10th nationally in passing, threw for 2,016 yards and 17 touchdowns, and he also carried the ball 111 times for 378 yards. Backing him are Craig Kugler and Ray Kingsfield, a transfer from Navy. The tailback duo of Eddie Davis and Erick Elliott had 916 yards rushing, while Elliott was also a key receiver. Sophomore Tyrone Shelton, with a 4.4 average, advances at fullback, backed by another soph, Tom Dexter. Wide receivers are Harry Mehre (765 yards) and Tom Lewis (6-4, 230). Matt Shiffler is the tight end. The line has two regulars returning: center Dave Hickman (6-2, 261) and guard Scott Perkins (6-2, 260). Vying for the other spots are tackles Tom Hayes (6-7, 280) and Andy Linn (6-4, 265), along with Reggie White.

With the defense holding the opposition, Steve Christie, a Canadian who also does the Tribe punting, may get more opportunities to win some close games, and repeat as all-ECAC kicker.



KEVIN HENDRIX
South Carolina

VIRGINIA TECH

(2-9) The Hokies have a lot of hard work to do, and that's how coach Frank Beamer approaches the task: "We will work, and work overtime, until we get the football program on a winning track." He knows all about the Hokie tradition. He was a defensive back on two of Jerry Claiborne's Liberty Bowl teams, and the captain on one. Beamer is also the first alumnus to head the Virginia Tech football program in more than 40 years.

Injuries helped prevent any sort of commendable season for his debut, the only victories coming over Navy and Cincinnati. On a 1988 schedule that includes six bowl teams, there's no relief, and it starts on Day One — a trip to Clemson. Only three seniors are on the first two units, and in the spring the two starting defensive ends told the coach they were hanging up their cleats. There are no quarterbacks with any game experience. Soph Chris Baucia threw two passes last season (one

went for a TD against Tulane). Redshirt freshman Will Furrer broke a thumb in preseason and didn't play. With them in the scramble will be Cam Young, a transfer from N.C. State. The key running back will be soph Jon Jeffries, who had 559 yards and ranked with the nation's top kickoff returners. He broke in as a Tech freshman with a 92-yard kickoff runback for a TD in the opening game (Clemson). Backing him are sophs Ralph Brown and Lamar Smith. Rich Fox moves up at fullback, backed by Malcolm Blacken, moved from tailback.

Five starters return on offense, and they include Myron Richardson at flanker, where he caught 28 passes, and soph Karl Borden at split end. New tight ends are Brian McCall and Ken Barefoot, as well as redshirt freshman Greg Daniels. An excellent blocker, Todd Grantham (6-1, 266) sparks the tackles with Larry Peery and redshirt frosh William Boatwright. Soph Glenn Watts returns at guard with Tom Hall and Ernie Davis, and Chris Henderson advances as the starting center, backed by juco transfer Skip Pavlik.

The defense has six returning regulars, paced by Scott Hill (6-3, 257) at tackle, the leading tackler last season. Horacio Moronta, who sat out 1987, competes with junior Bo Cothran and soph Chris Matheny. Soph Jimmy Whitten returns at end with Al Chamblee, Rich Williams, and Mark Briscoe, moved from center. Linebacking is a Hokie strength: Randy Cockrell, Bobby Martin, Jock Jones, and Dan Stokes having starting experience along with soph Darwin Herdman and Leslie Bailey. Roger Brown and John Granby provide experience in the secondary, which will be boosted by the return of Mitch Dove.

Chris Kinzer, one of the three seniors, handles the place-kicking duties, aiming for 1986 style, when he was No. 1 in the nation.

TOWSON STATE

(4-6) Phil Albert could find no other way to describe the 1987 campaign: "It was a strange season: strange because we can't honestly put a finger on any one thing. When Saturday afternoon came, we just didn't execute properly." That was a 4-6 record, the first losing season since 1972, when Albert became the Tigers' coach. Last season was also the Tigers first in Division I-AA.

Senior tailback Dave Meggett, who runs a 4.38 in the 40, rolls up yards by the dozen: 814 rushing, 572 pass receiving, 405 on kickoff and punt returns. He was the NCAA I-AA all-purpose yardage leader. He's also probably the only active player to be captain of two different college teams: at Morgan State as a defensive back two years ago, now at Towson State. The offense has six returning regulars, including Meggett. Soph quarterback Chris Goetz passed for more than 2,000 yards, hitting 56 percent. He is backed by redshirt freshman Kevin Robinson. Mike Smith is a flanker, and up front are veterans: four-year starting center John Gaburick (6-2, 255) and both guards, three-year regular Chuck Konka (6-1, 245) and Steve Kinsey (6-2, 255). John Gunnels will step right in at tight end.

Six starters return from the defensive unit, including Don Sponaugle and Glen Schmidt as linebackers. In the line Bill Stup is a three-year regular at tackle, Rodney Smith a two-year starter at middle guard. The secondary includes Bryant Hall, a three-year starter, and sophomore Gary Hatcher.

southern conference

MARSHALL

(10-5, 4-2) The Thundering Herd sweated out an at-large bid to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs, then stormed right into the national championship game, where it lost to Northeast Louisiana, 43-42. Coach George Chaump has a new goal this time: to win the Southern Conference championship and get a I-AA automatic invitation.

The defense will shoulder the major challenge, mainly because only six starters return. A year ago it held the opposition to 20.5 points while the offense was firing at 33.2, and that's about the formula Chaump is trying to achieve. Keep the other team in the teens, for the Herd offense can certainly put enough points on the board. Returning starters are outside linebackers Nick McKnight and Larry Huffman. Larry O'Dell and Preston Washington are the tackles on one side, Rory Fitzpatrick and Ken Pepe on the other. The returning nose guard is Bill Mendoza (6-2, 255), backed by the team's utility man, Joe Mitchell. The inside linebackers return: second-team all-conference John Spellacy, the top tackler,

245) is the center, John Halford (6-2, 275) at one guard, Mike Talkington (6-3, 280) and Greg Adkins (6-4, 282) at tackles. Norman Franklin (6-2, 252) takes over left guard.

A juco transfer, Brian Bartolomei, will do the place-kicking, and backup quarterback Greg Supura handles the punting.

EAST TENNESSEE

(5-6, 2-5) Don Riley comes back to his alma mater as head football coach after 12 seasons on Terry Donahue's UCLA staff. The Buccaneers fell off their winning ways last season, and the rebuilding processes are underway. A lack of experience at quarterback and in the line offsets the strengths at running back and receivers. The defense has to reorganize, having given up 22 points and 358 yards per.

Hired seven days before the national signing date, Riley was able to obtain an outstand-

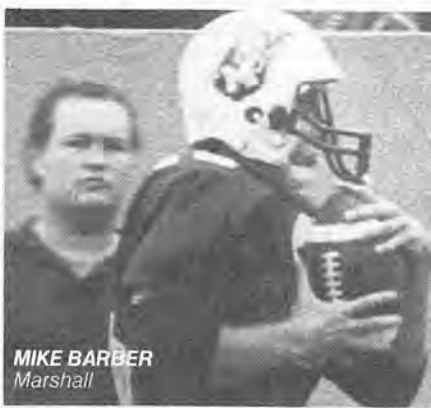
Five starters return to the defense. Alger Williams (6-1, 260) is back at nose guard after a year's absence and three sophomores contend for the tackle spots: Jeff Page, Jim Rhodes, and Steve Banco. Linebacking is a strength. Albert English, the top tackler last fall, paces the inside corps while Wayne Hall plays outside. Others battling for spots are Mark Meltzer, Maury Walker, and Mark Thompson. Two regulars in the secondary return: Rick Harris, who had seven interceptions a year ago, and Juan McGarrah, backed by David Seals and two sophs, Rodney Landreth and Rayford Johnson.

WESTERN CAROLINA

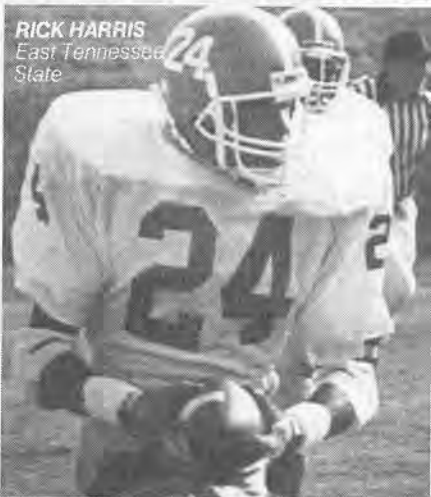
(4-7, 2-4) Coach Bob Waters, 49, fighting a crippling Lou Gehrig's disease and 11 football opponents with the same intensity, really doesn't want a season like the past one. His Catamounts lost to ranked I-A Clemson and South Carolina, then won four straight games and jumped into the I-AA top 10. It was October 19, a glorious day, and it happened. Wall Street remembers so very well, and WCU crashed as well, losing five straight games. No fewer than 11 first-stringers had season-



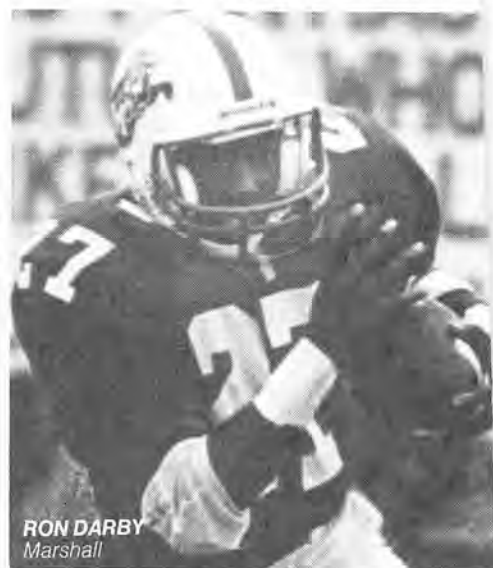
DARRYL JACKSON
Western Carolina



MIKE BARBER
Marshall



RICK HARRIS
East Tennessee State



RON DARBY
Marshall

and Rondell Wannamaker lead this corps, backed by Randy White and soph Matt Downey. In the secondary Reggie Giles, with seven interceptions, and Ken Green provide the starting experience, backed by Von Woodson, Tim Mitchell, and sophs Jerod Thomas, Sean Dillon, and Tim Hairston.

The offense is powerful again. Gone is QB Tony Peterson, who set all sorts of records, but returning is left-handed, 25-year-old John Gregory, just a junior. He played baseball in the L.A. Dodger chain for four years, then was at Southeastern Louisiana when it dropped football. He started the first four games in 1986, hurt his knee, and did not play last fall. He's got people to throw to: All-Americans Sean Doctor at tight end (96 catches for 1,372 yards) and Mike Barber (106 for 1,757). Marshall statistics are for 15 games.

At tailback is Ron Darby (1,506 yards and 16 touchdowns). In four I-AA playoff games he had 486 yards. He's joined by Kerry Parks. Fullbacks are sophomores Michael Bryant and Matt Caton. Bruce Hammond is the flanker, backed by Steve Duran. Jim Torres (6-4,

ing quarterback from talent-laden Florida: Dan LaForest (6-4, 210) from Apopka. Junior Bobby Raulerson, who threw one pass last fall, may start, backed by sophs Marlon Holmes and Randy Meredith, but LaForest will be a key. Three running backs return: David Havin (225 yards), Albert Burt (265), and George Searcy (227). The top receiver will again be Cedric Solomon (639 yards), with soft hands and 4.5 speed, backed by George Fritts and Dale Middleton. Tight ends are Deny Rebber and Jack Teachey. There are three regulars returning in the line: tackles Bryan Morgan (6-2, 235) and Ken York (6-4, 270) and center David Berliner (6-2, 270). Competition at guard centers on sophomores Wayland Rice and Eric Lewis, along with Paul Sherman, moved over from the defense.

ending injuries, 18 on the two-deeps missed four games or more. The offense could get three touchdowns in only one of those final games—and when it did, the defense gave up 38 points to The Citadel. Its schedule was rated the second-toughest in I-AA. The Cats lost three all-conference players, including All-America place-kicker Kirk Roach. There cannot be a second showing of *General Hospital*.

Five starters return on the offense. Todd Cottrell started five games (1,012 yards passing) at quarterback, broke an ankle, and soph Mark Smith finished the season (1,399 yards passing). They return. Sophs Darryl Jackson (687 yards) and Carlton Terry (386) shared tailback, and they return. Roy Johnson (5.1 avg. per carry) and David Jones are the fullbacks. Senior David Mayfield was a starter at tailback, fractured his wrist, now is the No. 1 wide receiver, backed by Otis Washington.

Up front there are four starters back: tight end Jon Reed (6-5, 218), just a sophomore, a super prospect; tackle John Martin (6-4, 246), second team all-conference; guard Tony Garagiola (6-1, 266); center Jay Mulwee (6-4,

261). Vying for the other starting assignments are tackle Del Foster (6-4, 246), guard Lee Smith, after knee surgery; and sophomore tight end Robert Baxter, runner-up for conference freshman of the year.

The defense has seven starters to build around, including both ends (Scott Arant, who is 6-3, 274, and Geno Segers, second-team all-conference) and tackle John Stewart (6-5, 232). A part-time starter, Derrick Harrison, will be at tackle. Linebacking is a strength. On the



DWIGHT
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Furman

outside Wayne Parker and Calvin Gist started the first half of the season, then hurt their knees. Cedric Lee and James Bryan were starters the final half. They all return. Larry Inman and David Jonson return on the inside. In the secondary soph Toussaint Kennedy heads the corps with part-time starter Lucius McCowan, Craig Williamson, and sophomore Ceasar Hunt.

With all those question marks a punter is important, and Anthony Bare (39.9 avg.) was tops in the Southern Conference. But nobody knows who will replace the three-time All-America Kirk Roach.

FURMAN

(7-4, 4-3) Losing 15 starters, coach Jimmy Satterfield has a big assignment for his third season, but his Furman team will register as no worse than a dark horse for the Southern Conference honors. Furman has been a dominant force in the NCAA's Division I-AA; five conference championships, an offense that has generated 263 yards rushing and 408 overall in the 1980s.

The running backs are "the deepest in the conference," according to the coach. All-conference John Bagwell (844 yards) shares tailback with Dwight Sterling (478) and soph speedster Bobby Daugherty, who missed last year with a bad knee. At fullback is key blocker Kennet Goldsmith, a co-captain who rushed for 505 yards. There are only five catches among the receivers, showing George Quarles, sophs Don Clardy and Brad Stephens, and redshirt freshman Venton Bell. All-conference tackle Fe Cowan (6-0, 245) is a two-year starter, teaming with Ed Patterson or converted center Ken Berry (6-4, 258). Elton Bailey heads the guards with David Adams, the strongest man on the squad. Newcomers appear at center (Bill Foster or soph Steve Duggan) and at tight end (Keith Swilling or Greg Key).

The defense shows just as many gaps. The only experience comes behind the line. Co-captain Jeff Blankenship, a three-year starter and second-team all-SC, led the team in tack-

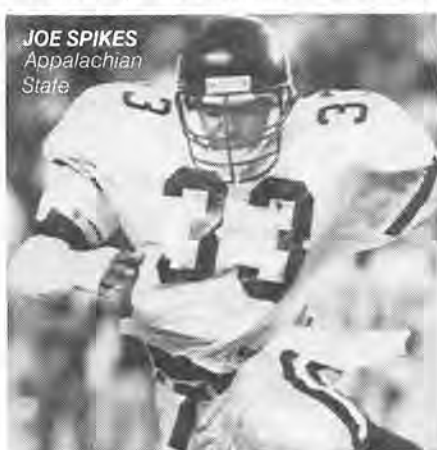
les last fall, and he pairs with soph Kevin Kendrick. The secondary has two returning starters: Julius Dixon and Cherod Webber. Dixon was all-conference, a two-year starter, and Webber has been switched from the right corner to strong safety, moving Pat Turner and William Hall into the corner.

A possible break gives the reloading Paladins the potential of being 3-1 coming into the conference schedule. The "L" will be a trip to Clemson on September 10, where 82,000 fans will not be real neighborly.

APPALACHIAN STATE

(11-3, 7-0) Coach Sparky Woods led the Mountaineers to 11 victories last fall, the most in school history, and to No. 2 in the final I-AA poll. They were favored to win the I-AA championship, but Marshall stopped them. But ASU has lost 15 starters. Gone are All-America Anthony Downs on defense and three-year starting quarterback Todd Payton.

Only three starters return for the offense, but the ball-carriers will be the same. At tailback is junior Ritchie Melchor (914 yards), all-conference Tim Sanders (724 yards and 10 touchdowns), and sophomore Kevin Arm-



JOE SPIKES
Appalachian
State

strong. At fullback Kenny Dawson will move up a notch. Sam Wesley returns as wide receiver, backed by Joe Briggs and soph Nate Young. The tight end will be contested between Reggie Spruill and Frank Roberts. Soph Bobby Fuller was the quarterback in the final four games, hitting 51.9 percent of his 105 passes for 591 yards. In the line, Derrick Graham (6-5, 296) returns at tackle, and he will pair up with Ron Johnson (6-4, 274). With experience are guard Stacey Friel (6-2, 257) and sophomore center Jay Killen (6-3, 236).

Defensively there are five starters returning, only two up front. They are tackles Chris Conner (6-3, 267) and Jimmy Snowden (6-4, 310), backed by sophs Mike Frier (6-6, 290) and Chuck Phifer (6-3, 254). Sam Sanders, a two-year starter, is at outside linebacker, along with Mike Cureton and soph Xeno Williams, who each started seven games. Other linebackers include Joe Spikes, Johnny Jennings, and Anthony Waters, moved from the line. In the secondary Keith Collins starts along with Mark Moore, Kevan Espy, and converted wide receiver Dave Parker.

There is kicking, good kicking. All-conference senior Tony Cox punted for a 38.6-yard average, and the left-footed place-kicker from Sweden, Bjorn Nittmo, comes to his senior year as an all-conference pick.

UT-CHATTANOOGA

(6-5, 4-3) Coach Buddy Nix got the Mocs back to their winning ways a year ago, enabling him to even his record at 22-22. But this fall opens with Tulane in the Superdome and Georgia Tech at Grant Field before the Mocs take on I-AA power Georgia Southern and Southern Conference favorite Marshall.

The attack centers on the coach's son, Stan Nix, a sophomore who took over in the third game and was selected conference Rookie of the Year. Nix passed for 1,140 yards as the Moccasins beat VMI in the season's finale to get over .500. All-conference Travis McNeal returns at tight end, where he had 31 catches for 451 yards. Quin Alford handles one wide receiver, along with sophomore speedster Earnest Murray. Darryl Streeter averaged 4.2 yards per carry in rushing for 794 yards, also ranking as one of the leading kickoff returners in the nation (20.4 avg.). Only the two tackles, Brian Glassman (6-4, 257) and Travis Ballard (6-1, 261), return as starters in the line. Ballard moved to center during the spring, paving the way for Ricky Bray (6-2, 282) at tackle. The guards are led by Mark Durby (6-1, 242).

There are seven starters again on the defensive side, thus providing more experience, but it is concentrated behind the line. Up front only all-conference Tony Bowick (6-2, 252) returns, while two sophomores, Tony Hill (6-7, 227) and Troy Boeck (6-3, 245), step in. At linebacking there are three starters returning in Willie Greenway, Roger Shadburn, and Junior Jackson. Soph Kevin Burley will also see action. The secondary also has game experience: Bobby Grier, Mike Lowman, and Marlon Riggins, joined by Daryl Brown.

The kicking game is solid. Billy Smith tallied a 38.5 punting average, while Dennis Waters scored 51 points on placements.

VIRGINIA MILITARY

(4-7, 2-4) Maybe the breaks will fall Keydet way this season. Coach Eddie Williamson has not made any rash statements. A year ago, he said if VMI finished 1-10 or 2-9, he would jump off the VMI barracks. The 4-7 saved him from the jump, but not from himself. Injuries figured in the dilemma which concluded with a 31-0 licking before the home crowd. The Keydet offense simply had a difficult time getting yards and points, only 88.9 rushing average per game, only 34 points in the second half. Part of the problem was the fact that Mark Stock broke a collarbone in the third game and watched the rest of the season. The previous year, he set a I-AA record with a 24.96-yard average on receptions. As the punter and punt-returner also, he was missed.

Stock returns as a fifth-year senior, and he's the key target for third-year starting quarterback Dave Brown. He completed a school-record 55.3 percent for 1,368 yards but only four TDs. Brad Lawrence and David Darden back him, along with incoming frosh Frank Wilder and Glen Buck. Receivers include soph Ricky Mears and Greg Clifton. Ball-carriers include part-time starter Travis Mabrey, Al Carter, and Jeff Paul. Starting tight end Dan McGrew has been converted to fullback ahead of Arturo Johnson.

Up front Joe Hurley (6-4, 265) and soph Paul Raitz (6-4, 261) are the tackles; Beau Quattrone (6-0, 253), Todd Northrop, and Jim Hubbard the guards; sophomore Joe Soko-

lowski at center. Steve Roenker and Dave Petka contend for tight end.

Injuries slowed down the spring drills defensively, and junior end Jeff Barnes missed time while participating in the National Collegiate Boxing championships. Eric Harrison was out with an injury. Soph Dap Tillery battles for a spot in the fall. Lionel Taylor returns as starting tackle, paired with Pete Lampman or Leonard Washington. Kevin Washington and



John Adametz are starting linebackers again, although the latter was injured in the eighth game last fall. Mike Wood, a starter three years until an injury, returns with Mike Kemp and soph Trentin Davis. Anthony McIntosh, maybe the best defensive back in the conference, heads the corps with Tracy Toye and Keith Sykes. Sophomore Greg Jarvis, converted from tailback, is the No. 1 safety.

The kicking game draws a Stock answer from the coach. Before he was hurt, Mark Stock had punted 13 times for 38.2 average, had returned 10 punts for 10.1 average.

THE CITADEL

(4-7, 1-5) Year One is gone, not necessarily forgotten. The Bulldogs claimed four victories under new coach Charlie Taaffe, a little better than the year before, but nothing like the Bulldogs of the early 1980s. Taaffe brought in the wishbone with a pro-style quarterback, and The Citadel led the Southern Conference in rushing. The Citadel definitely has a strong senior look—which will be needed when the Bulldogs open the season at Appalachian State, the defending conference champions.

The wishbone starts with quarterback Tommy Burriss, who was recruited for a pro-style offense. He adjusted well, became the team's leading rusher (651 yards, 8 TDs) as well as the top passer (1,211 yards, 5 TDs). Burriss also had a perfect 4.0 in business administration class. Mononucleosis limited his spring work, giving Gene Brown and Mike Bortnick an opportunity. It is a senior backfield. Academic All-America Tom Frooman (611 yards, 5.3 avg.) tops the halfbacks, along with Harold Singleton (477). Vernon Jones, and two sophomores: Bill Phillips and Lamont Melvin. Roger Witherspoon advances as fullback, but Adrian Johnson started the finale. Phillip Florence was a part-time regular at wide receiver, and Trent Donley returns at tight end. Darren Bradley (6-1, 240) returns at center; the guards are Carlos Avalos (6-2, 265) and Charles Wallace (6-1, 266), backed by De-

Rhon Robinson, converted from defensive tackle. George Thomas leads the tackles with Rick Brodsky and soph Ray Thompson.

Sean McCarthy returns at nose guard, with sophomores Phillip Abdo and Ernest Nicholson. Tackles have different designations: "field tackles" being soph Mike Cory and Deric Boston, who missed last season; "boundary tackles" being Rob Brodsky, out last year with a knee injury, and David Rusinko. There's the "Pittsburgh Connection" at inside linebacker: two-year starters Matt Larkin and Pete Long, backed by soph J.J. Davis. Outside linebackers are Dwayne Smalls and Pat Gramblin. In the secondary are J.D. Cauthen (eight interceptions), Jay Jackson, David Cook (converted from linebacker), and Terrance Young (a part-time starter last fall).

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HOWARD

(5-0, 9-1) The Bison will be without record-breaking tailback Harvey Reed, but shed no tears for coach Willie Jeffries. He counts 15 starters among 41 lettermen from a team that lost only once in 10 games. In fact, Howard punted only 24 times all season.



Quarterback Lee DeBose returns to direct the offense that ranked No. 1 in Division I-AA in rushing (381.6 yards per game), second in total offense (494.1), and second in scoring (40.9). Fred Killings, who rushed for 606 yards in a reserve role, steps in at tailback, and he'll be challenged by touted redshirt freshman J.J. Carpenter. Kerry Brinson and Linnell Singleton move into the fullback slot and join senior tight end Jimmie Johnson in leading the blocking. The receivers, led by Troy Kyles, are proven, and John Javis and Tony Mack rank among the nation's best returners.

Don't look to the defense for a soft spot. After a rocky start, the Bison yielded only 17 points in the final four games. Tackle James Moore anchors the line; Charles Gibbs and Marty Graves lead the linebacking corps and safety Thomas Jones the secondary.

Jeffries dominated the MEAC while at South Carolina State, and the same pattern is forming under his direction at Howard.

DELAWARE STATE

(4-1, 7-3) The Hornets have lost only nine times in their three seasons under coach Bill Collick, and they're likely to remain strangers to defeat this year. A total of 15 starters are back from a 7-3 squad that lost the MEAC title game to Howard, 12-7.

Darren Felton returns at quarterback, and improved receivers should make the passing

game more efficient. Don't worry about the running game. Delaware State will rack up big yards even though leading rusher Terance Hoover is among the missing. Reggie Barnes (617 yards, 9 TDs) returns at tailback and John Stone moves in at fullback.

The Hornets lost three three-year defensive starters—linebackers Derek Andrews and Kevin Bryant and back Willie Sheppard—but the unit should still be strong. Robert Presbury (6-2, 260), the MEAC's Defensive Player of the Year, returns at end to spark the squad that restricted its five league foes to a total of 35 points. He took part in 84 tackles, including 11½ sacks. Lybrant Robinson mans the other flank, and Eric Wainwright (5 interceptions) will lead the linebackers. Marvin Bright heads the secondary.

FLORIDA A&M

(5-5-1) Florida A&M, which left the MEAC in 1984, is eligible for the league title for the first time since rejoining in '86, and the timing is perfect. Practically everybody—19 starters, 45 lettermen—returns.

Coach Ken Riley will rely on defense to lead the way with linebacker Lamar Glover and end Brian Brewer the top veterans on the unit that ranked No. 7 nationally in I-AA. Linebacker Eddie Metcalf and backs Kenneth Johnson and Matthew Fair are solid, too.

Quarterback Andre Williams and tight end Curtis Green head the offense, but the Rattlers must improve production. They averaged only 14 points a game and connected on only 32 percent of their passes. Special-team weapons include Vaughn Wilson (No. 6 nationally in net punting) and Howard Huckaby (No. 1 nationally in kickoff returns; 30.1 average that included two for TDs).

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

(3-2, 6-5) The Bulldogs enter fall practice with coach Dennis Thomas concerned about his defense, especially linebackers. "We didn't get where we wanted to in spring practice," said Thomas, who lost all four starting linebackers and three regulars in the secondary to graduation. On the positive side, seven starters return on offense, and the line should be particularly strong.

William Dubose heads a deep corps of running backs, and both Tyrone Gilmore and Lance Salters are experienced quarterbacks. The offensive line includes tight end Rodney McLaughlin, center Kenny Pate, guard Bobby Irby, and tackle Eric Douglas. "The line has shown vast improvement," Thomas said.

All-MEAC tackle David Ammons will anchor a stout defensive front. The Bulldogs will look to Jimmy Buchanan and back Jamal Isom for immediate contributions.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T

(1-4, 3-8) The 1987 season holds few happy memories for the Aggies. Even though well-armed with veterans from the '86 MEAC championships squad, they nose-dived to 3-8 last fall. Coach Mo Forte resigned to join the Denver Broncos' staff, and the new man at the helm is Bill Hayes, hired from nearby rival Winston-Salem State. Hayes's 12 Winston-Salem teams, playing in NCAA Division II, racked up a 90-40-2 record that included four wins in six meetings with the Aggies.

Gone this fall will be a wide-open offense and in its place will be the wing-T. The quar-

terback spot is vacant and the top candidates are Hilton Winstead, who has limited experience, and Tony Parker, who has never taken a snap in college.

Defense should be A&T's strength with junior linebacker Demetrius Harrison the leader. Harrison led the MEAC with 114 tackles a year ago. Mike Mobley and Demont Vann join Harrison in forming a sturdy unit. Quintin Gason and Brian Bowden return in the secondary, and Vernon Davis, who sat out last season, should improve the line.

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

(2-3, 4-7) Replacing quarterback Gregory Ross is the Wildcats' chief concern. It's a difficult problem, for Ross led the MEAC with 200 yards per game in total offense a year ago. To compound matters, top candidate Anthony Thomas suffered an ankle injury in spring practice and Stevie Thomas, a prep quarterback who played wide receiver in 1987, entered the picture. No matter which Thomas wins the job, it's likely that coach Larry Little will look for more yardage on the ground this season. For one thing, leading receiver Greg Taylor is gone, too. For another, Kevin Finnie (527 yards) is solid at tailback. Senior guard Michael Floyd heads the line.

The defense needs a giant-sized overhaul. The men who made the secondary tough, including second-round NFL pick Terry Williams, are gone, and the line experienced all sorts of problems in yielding over 200 yards per game on the ground. Andre Pugh, who missed half of '87 with a broken elbow, returns at cornerback to shore up the secondary. Amos White, who made 60 tackles in nine games, joins Ronald Edwards and Dwayne Donaldson at linebacker. Tackle Joe Jones and Reginald Boyd return in the line.

MORGAN STATE

(0-5, 1-9) Ed Wyche becomes the Golden Bears' head coach and inherits a program badly in need of repair. Morgan State's only successes over the past four seasons are 1986 and '87 victories over the University of the District of Columbia. The Bears of '88 will be built around 35 lettermen, including 16 veteran starters. But Morgan State scored only 118 points and surrendered 309. In addition, quarterback Daryl Jackson is coming back from an injury.

Cornerbacks Nathaniel Parham and Vernon Beard, who each had five interceptions, join end William Foye and tackles Anthony Clark and Willie Jones to lead the defense. Inexperience will be a problem at linebacker.

The running game, which netted only 322 yards, is a concern. The return of tailback Marco Kornegay, sidelined last season, should be a plus. Leading rusher Nathan Ayers (228 yards) is also back. Tackles Calvin Montgomery and Michael Lynn head the line.

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CARSON-NEWMAN

(4-3, 10-4) SAC-8 foes settled a few scores with the Eagles last year. For a while. But Carson-Newman got hot at the right time and spent December in its usual place—playing for the NAIA national championship. Gone now are the likes of running back Kenneth Tyson (1,867 yards rushing) and offensive

lineman Jay Floyd, both All-Americans, and all-league nose guard Fred Wagner. But opponents will not relish a date with the Eagles. Coach Ken Sparks is armed with 12 returning starters, a stout offensive line, an excellent secondary, and lots of speed.

Alvin Thomas (982 yards rushing) replaces Tyson at tailback and quarterback Edwin Lowery returns to direct the ground-oriented attack. Tackle Jeff Sims and center/guard Greg Greer head that tough offensive front. All-star Mike Schlechter, Sammy Dixon, and David Poole lead the secondary. All-league Leroy Mincey and tackle Bruce Ghiselline spice the defense.

The Eagles made their fourth appearance in five years in the NAIA finals in '87. Don't be surprised to find them there in '88.

GARDNER-WEBB

(6-1, 11-2) The Bulldogs enjoyed their finest season ever last fall, and 1988 could be even better. Coach Woody Fish counts 16 starters, including five all-conference performers, among 41 lettermen from the powerhouse that won the SAC-8 title. The top priorities are to replace all-league quarterback Jesse James, who passed for 2,007 yards, and all-star linebacker Kevan Sawyer, who made 153 tackles.

Juniors Darrell Middleton (940 yards, 7.2 average, 11 TDs) and Bobby Wray (669 yards, 6.4 average, 7 TDs) provide a dynamite running attack. They work behind a line that is anchored by 240-pound senior guard Thurman Leach. Kelvin Richardson (651 yards, 21.7 average, 5 TDs) headlines a proven corps of wide receivers. All-star kicker Jeff Parker (52 PATs, 19 FGs) completes the offensive package.

Lennie Rivera and Jim Steele head a strong defensive front. Eric Brewton (8 interceptions) and Thomas Mack should add to their collection of all-star awards.

PRESBYTERIAN

(5-2, 8-5) The Blue Hose are often victimized by the Rodney Dangerfield syndrome, seldom getting respect and usually finishing among the league's best. Look back to 1987: Picked for the middle of the pack, Presbyterian advanced to the quarterfinals of the NAIA national playoffs. The schedule, always a pair of I-AA foes before thorny league opposition, is not conducive to a flashy record. But coach Elliott Poss, like predecessor Cally Gault, is seldom caught short.

The Blue Hose will feature a solid defense with six starters returning from the unit that held seven foes to eight points or fewer. Cornerback Kevin Wade, strong safety Alan Rodemaker, and free safety Kevin Calwile lead a strong secondary and tackle Andy Smyth tops the line. Rod Fountain heads the linebackers, where Sam Pinckney, the SAC Defensive Player of the Year, must be replaced.

Tailback Stevie Riggins is only 5-6 and 160 pounds, but he rushed for 843 yards a year ago and heads an able cast of runners. Wide receivers Eddie Rogers (560 yards, 2 TDs) and Lavern Reddick (717 yards, 8 TDs) are proven and tight end Glenn Jackson and tackle Brian Thomas lead the offensive line.

ELON

(4-3, 6-4) The Fighting Christians scored 158 points in winning their final three games a year ago, and coach Macky Carden hopes the mo-

mentum carries into the '88 season. He has reasons to believe it will: 15 regulars return.

Foremost is tailback Dwayne Clark, who rushed for 1,550 yards and 22 TDs last season. He has stepped off over 3,000 yards the past two years. Junior John Wadsworth moves up at quarterback and brings increased speed to the position. Tackle Tony DiPietro and guard Dave Emery head a veteran line.

Although eight regulars return on defense, the unit must be improved. Elon surrendered over 27 points a game in 1987. End Ronnie Purcell (78 tackles) and back Jeff Slade will be counted on to provide the defensive spark.

CATAWBA

(2-5, 4-7) The Indians came to life after freshman Mike Warfield took over at quarterback, and coach Bill Mauldin expects a much improved squad in '88. The 6-6, 200-pound Warfield, the league's top rookie, passed for 1,636 yards and 8 TDs and rushed for 187 yards and another 8 TDs. Catawba went 4-5 in his nine starts. Six other offensive regulars return, including tailback Todd Scott (444 yards rushing, No. 1 nationally in kickoff returns with 30.2-yard average) and fullback Kevin Penigar. Center Jon Davis heads the line.

Free safety Keith Henry, a second-team All-America, and end Todd Lipe spark the defense that has nine starters on hand. Tackle Albert Ashley and linebacker Rodney Goodine are solid. Kicker Randy Brown, who owns six school records, is another plus.

LENOIR-RHYNE

(3-4, 7-4) The Bears fashioned one of the school's best records in recent years last season, and another good one is in store this fall if coach John Perry finds a quarterback. Tailbacks James Crawford (701 yards, 10 TDs) and Randolph Bowers (658 yards, 5 TDs) return. Four of the five regulars on the offensive line also are back and tight end Rex Harrison (354 yards, 5 TDs) is solid. Although only 5-4 and 141 pounds, wide receiver Mack Sanders caught 40 passes for 704 yards and 4 TDs. Replacing quarterback Brian Bryson, a four-year starter who holds 15 school records, could be a problem. Tommy Laurendine, a transfer from Appalachian State, will get first crack at the job.

Eight regulars return on defense. Among them are cornerback Scott Walker, who made 28 tackles, averaged 23.3 yards per kickoff return and 17.3 yards per punt return, and also found time to catch seven passes for 302 yards (43.1-yard average).

NEWBERRY

(3-4, 4-7) Inconsistency plagued the Indians throughout a 4-7 season in which they whipped a pair of national playoff teams and fell victim to second-division teams in the SAC-8. Despite a winning record over six seasons, head coach Clayton Johnson resigned under pressure. Gary Smullen takes command and inherits 35 lettermen, including seven regulars on offense and eight on defense. He likes the potential of the lines on both sides of the ball, but inexperience is a problem in both backfields.

Particularly strong should be the defensive front, where end Chris Holsclaw (92 tackles, 10 sacks) and tackles Reggie Deas and Chris Chrisley head the cast. Replacing a pair of all-

stars, linebacker John Newkirk and cornerback Drew Watson, will be difficult.

Smaller will look to tackle Jessie Schwiers (6-2, 280) to lead a veteran offensive line. The new coach is also high on wide receiver Tim Adams, who replaces all-star Joey Spigner as the primary pass target.

MARS HILL

(1-6, 3-8) The Lions fell on bad times in 1987, tumbling to 3-8 in one of those everthing-goes-wrong seasons. They played all but one league foe close but had only a string of losses to show for their efforts. Felton Stephens replaces Steven Patton as head coach, and he finds 11 starters among his 28 lettermen. Stephens, a four-year starter at Mars Hill who has been on the Lions' coaching staff for the past five years, believes his regulars will be competitive, but depth is a sore spot.

A plus is the return of tight end Lance Roland, an all-star sidelined all of last season with an injury. Gary Lackey, who started the last four games, came out of spring practice as the No. 1 quarterback. Both starting running backs are gone, but a pair of redshirt freshmen could provide relief.

All-star linebacker Lee Marchman is among the missing, too. In fact, the Lions must replace all four linebackers. Fred Davis, a two-year starter at tackle, will anchor the defense.

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HAMPTON

NORTH DIVISION

(6-2, 9-3) With practically everybody returning from the team that captured the division title a year ago, the Pirates will be favored this fall. Coach Fred Freeman agrees that "we should have another good team," but he's wary. "This division is extremely tough."

Hampton's defense will be its usual stingy self with linebacker Washington Owens and cornerback Richard Taylor the leading characters. Both have started every game for three years. Free safety Stacy Saunders set a school record with 13 interceptions last season, and junior Levi Perry is another star.

Darryl Ryals, Wayne Walker, Walter Kinard, and James Daniels form the nucleus of a top-notch offensive line. Anthony Jones, who gained over 500 yards despite missing time with injuries last year, will be the No. 1 rushing threat. Verocke Crooms, who started most of the season, and Russell Johnson, who moved into the lineup late in the year, will again share time at quarterback.

"Injuries will play an important role," Freeman said. "We'll need to keep everybody healthy against the schedule we play. I wouldn't be surprised to see four [of six] teams in our division win eight games."

VIRGINIA STATE

(6-1, 9-2) The Trojans tied Hampton for the North Division title, but Hampton earned the right to play for the overall conference crown on the basis of a 23-19 win over Virginia State. Coach George Moody would like to change that a bit this fall and expects another solid team. "All things being equal, we should be pretty good," he said.

Senior quarterback Rudy Elliott returns to direct the offense, and he'll operate behind a massive line. Tackle Darryl Brown (6-5, 295) has pro possibilities, and sophomore center

Deandrea Neal (6-3, 310) is tough to handle. "We're looking good on offense," Moody said.

The defense looks good, too, with three all-CIAA performers returning. Virnest Veale and Anthony Burfoot head a secondary that will be playing its fourth season together, and the line includes all-stars Walter Files and Brian Nunn.

"If we can stay away from injuries, we should be O.K.," Moody said. "We've got experience, but there are many variables."

VIRGINIA UNION

(4-3, 7-3) One of the "sure things" in the CIAA North is Virginia Union, which is annually in the championship picture. This season should be no exception since 13 starters and 45 lettermen are back from a 7-3 squad.

Defense, generally the Panthers' strength, could suffer a bit this fall with only four regulars returning. But the veterans include Leroy Gause, a 6-2, 215-pound outside linebacker whose '87 credentials included 89 tackles and 9½ sacks.

If the defense is down a bit, the offense should be better than usual. Nine starters are back, including quarterback Ken Jones, who holds the school record by accounting for 25 TDs. Plenty of assistance comes from tight end Junior Wigfall, all-CIAA as a freshman in 1987; guard Kenny Perry, and leading rusher Orlando Hawkins (491 yards, 9 TDs in six games).

NORFOLK STATE

(2-5, 4-7) Caught without their usual supply of experienced personnel, the Spartans took their lumps last season. Now coach Willard Bailey hopes to settle a score or two. "We've got a lot more playing experience," said Bailey, who owns a 130-51-4 career record despite two straight losing seasons. "We hope to bounce back."

On hand to direct the offense is quarterback Maurice Lawrence. Soph Adrian Miles, who rushed for 319 yards (4.8 per carry), will be the top running threat. Linebacker Arthur Jimerson (70 tackles) and end Rodney Baylor (11 sacks) will spearhead the defense.

ELIZABETH CITY STATE

(1-6, 3-8) With 18 starters among 54 returning lettermen, coach T.J. Little figures his Vikings will rebound this fall. And the leader will be all-CIAA quarterback Bill Wilde, who passed for 1,829 yards a year ago. All-league Robert Tiller (22 catches for 220 yards) will be Wilde's prime target. Look for Richard Kershaw (13-194) and tight end Randy Matusko to take up the slack left by Anthony Robinson (450 yards, 5 TDs receiving). Tailbacks Rodney McNeil and Nelson Welch are two-way threats. Center Landon Miales heads a massive offensive line.

With the interior line hard hit by graduation, the Vikings look to ends Brian Biggs and Cleveland Howard and cornerbacks Melvin Hunt and Thomas Outlaw for leadership.

ST. PAUL'S

(0-7, 0-11) Coach Mel Creel conducted his spring conditioning workouts not knowing whether the Tigers would field a team this fall. The school's board of trustees gave alumni until July 1 to raise \$150,000 for the football program would be dropped. "It was a cut-and-dry situation," Creel said. "If alumni raised the money, we would have a team; if they didn't, we wouldn't."

Creel tried to keep his athletes enthusiastic during the long wait for a decision and had 74 in his spring program. But he worked at an extreme disadvantage: Football is a non-scholarship sport at St. Paul's, who compete against teams giving full grants-in-aid.

Three seniors, linebackers Mike Tarrer and Hugh Drew and end Simone House, will anchor the defense. "They're strong at their positions, and we'll build around them," Creel said. James Harrison, the club's leading rusher, returns at tailback to lead the offense. Jay-kil Ghee will open at quarterback. He started last season at wide receiver, but injuries forced his move to quarterback.

SOUTH DIVISION

WINSTON-SALEM STATE

(6-0, 9-3) After 12 seasons of excellence, Bill Hayes resigned to become head coach at North Carolina A&T. But don't expect the Rams to change much, especially their winning habits. Pete Richardson, an aide for nine seasons, replaced Hayes and said that, "We'll basically do the same things. Perhaps we'll pass a little more, but we won't change a lot." Although 14 starters return from the CIAA championship team, Richardson sees some holes, and "how well we do depends on how fast our younger kids mature."

Tackle Darren Peoples will anchor the offensive line that provides operating room for quarterback Cornell Maynor and tailback Roger Graves. Graves finished with a flourish last season and rushed for over 800 yards. The Rams' defense will be led by a pair of safeties, Darrell Hall and Donald Franks.

FAYETTEVILLE STATE

(4-1-2, 6-2-2) With 15 regulars returning from a 6-2-2 squad that placed second in the CIAA's Southern Division, don't blame coach Robert Pulliam for smiling. But he is quick to stress that there is no such thing as an easy game in the conference.

The offense will revolve around quarterback Paul Stephens, who rushed for over 700 yards and passed for 600 more last season. He will operate behind a solid line that includes tackles Steve Galloway and Corky Dismuke and guard Terrence Hall.

Eight starters are back on defense, and Pulliam expects Andre Bowden to lead the unit. A two-year regular, Bowden has been moved to inside linebacker to plug a hole created by graduation. Russell Raines will start for the third year at tackle and sophomore Willie Hopkins, who intercepted seven passes last season, is solid at outside linebacker.

The Broncos struggled to a 2-7-1 record with a young squad in 1986. The lessons learned then started to pay dividends last season, and they may pay even more this fall.

JOHNSON C. SMITH

(4-2-1, 4-5-2) The Golden Bulls like their chances this season, and who can blame them? Their assets include 20 regulars, including all offensive starters and nine regulars from a defense that ranked sixth nationally with a yield of 11.2 points per game.

Ringleaders on the defense will be linebacker Ronald Capers, whose 140 total tackles included 68 solo stops. Linebacker Mike Hamilton, end Michael Ballen, and backs Anthony Linyard and Anthony Byers are also all-star possibilities.

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SEAN COVEY
Brigham Young

1988 all-rockies team

offense

Quarterback . . . Greg Wyatt . . . JR. . . Northern Arizona
Quarterback . . . Sean Covey . . . JR. . . Brigham Young
Running back . . . John Harvey . . . SR. . . Texas-El Paso
Running back . . . Paul Hewitt . . . SR. . . San Diego State
Running back . . . Heikoti Fakava . . . SR. . . Hawaii
Wide receiver . . . Terance Mathis . . . SR. . . New Mexico
Wide receiver . . . Matt Bellini . . . SO. . . Brigham Young
Tight end . . . Shawn Collins . . . SR. . . Northern Arizona
Line . . . David Hlatky . . . SR. . . Air Force
Line . . . Amosa Amosa . . . SR. . . Hawaii
Line . . . Brian White . . . SR. . . Brigham Young
Line . . . Kevin Wells . . . SR. . . San Diego State
Line . . . Sean Kugler . . . SR. . . Texas-El Paso
Place-kicker . . . Mickey Penallor . . . JR. . . Northern Arizona

defense

Line . . . Pat Rabold . . . SR. . . Wyoming
Line . . . Bill Bonsall . . . SR. . . Nevada-Reno
Line . . . Tony Tolbert . . . SR. . . Texas-El Paso
Linebacker . . . Doug Morgan . . . JR. . . Texas-El Paso
Linebacker . . . Morey Paul . . . SO. . . San Diego State
Linebacker . . . Mike Schenbeck . . . JR. . . Wyoming
Back . . . Troy Long . . . SR. . . Brigham Young
Back . . . Rodney Rice . . . SR. . . Brigham Young
Back . . . Mario Mitchell . . . SR. . . San Diego State
Back . . . Eric Jacobsen . . . SR. . . Utah
Back . . . Ron Cortell . . . SR. . . Colorado State
Punter . . . Pat Thompson . . . SR. . . Brigham Young

● In direct contradiction of the law of gravity, not to mention the beliefs of any lucid, long-time observers of WAC football, comes the following news flash: UTEP football is on the rise.

The Miners had been down so long their team symbol was a periscope. Waiting for them to get better was like waiting for a sunset at the South Pole. Prior to last season—which we'll get to in a minute—the UTEP Miners had been members of the Western Athletic Conference for 20 years. In that span they had finished last 13 times and below—well below—500 18 times. Six times they failed to win a WAC game. In overall conference games they were 22-112. Their won-lost records versus WAC schools were as follows: Air Force (0-5), BYU (3-16), Colorado State (3-16), Hawaii (1-7), New Mexico (3-16), San Diego State (1-7), Utah (3-15), and Wyoming (6-13).

Every year during the bowl season, UTEP would get Christmas cards from their friends. This was a program with no enemies. Given all these circumstances, the prospect of a 1987 turnaround for UTEP football seemed slim.

But it did turn around. Just like that, 17 straight years of losing football, down the drain. The Miners had their first winning season since 1970 (6-4) and their best record since 1961 (7-2-1) as they went 7-4 overall and 4-3 in the WAC. They had been predicted to finish last. Again. Gasps were heard from Honolulu to Ft. Collins.

Now, it's time for the Miracle Miners and their encore act. From all indications, they've got a hot one lined up. Not only is this a team that has seemingly had whatever curse it was under removed, but it has some vindication to take care of in 1988. In 1987 they feel they shouldn't have just been the pride of El Paso; they feel like they should have ruled the WAC. They had a legitimate chance. The Miners went into the final two games of the season with a 5-1 WAC record and a clear view of a league title and a Holiday Bowl berth. Those two games were against Brigham Young and Wyoming, true, the other late-season contenders for the conference crown. But they were in El Paso.

Brigham Young was first. The Sun Bowl was filled to capacity for the biggest game in El Paso in decades. At the half UTEP led, 17-3. But then the Miners and their quarterback, Pat Hegarty, ran out of luck. Hegarty had broken his jaw in the previous week's game at Utah (a 30-24 win), and he could take the pain only so

predictions

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1. Brigham Young, 2. Texas-El Paso, 3. Air Force, 4. Wyoming, 5. San Diego State, 6. Utah, 7. Colorado State, 8. Hawaii, 9. New Mexico

big sky conference

1. Idaho, 2. Weber State, 3. Northern Arizona, 4. Nevada-Reno, 5. Montana, 6. Boise State, 7. Eastern Washington, 8. Idaho State, 9. Montana State

long. By halftime was long enough. Hegarty didn't return for the second half, and BYU roared back to win, 37-24, and that was that. Hegarty was sipping meals through a straw by the next game, against Wyoming, and UTEP lost, 37-13, sending Wyoming to the Holiday Bowl. Wyoming finished the WAC at 8-0, BYU at 7-1 and UTEP at 6-2. Those show-downs in El Paso had been the season.

With nine months to mull them over, the Miners come into 1988 with a mission. And with a lot of experience. Fifteen starters are back, including a healthy Hegarty, who had an excellent spring, not to mention an excellent report card. If not for a B in Spanish—and in a border town at that—the senior quarterback from Santa Ana, California, would have had a 4.0 grade-point average. Ten of the 15 returning starters are seniors, meaning head coach Bob Stull, now in his second season, will have plenty of coaches on the field. And a grand total of 35 of last year's top 44 players return.

Does it all add up to a first-ever WAC title for the Miners? A trip to the Holiday Bowl in San Diego? An end to years of misery and embarrassment? It could. But you didn't read it here first. UTEP may be as in as European cars and mousse and the *Cosby Show*. The Miners may be the hottest item in the WAC since Bobby

Knight visited Albuquerque. But picking them to win the league football title? That's another matter. Some things take time to get used to.

Figure the Miners second... behind Brigham Young. Traditions die hard.

Welcome to Big Sky Conference football, where the offenses are as wide open as a cattle drive and the defenses... well, nobody gets defensive in this conference, or not so you'd notice. This is the league that last year saw eight of its nine members rank among the top 24 passing offenses in Division I-AA (out of a total of 89 schools), and seven of its teams rank among I-AA's top 21 in total offenses. On the other side of the ball, the league didn't have a single team among the top 30 in any defensive category.

When Big Sky offenses talk, scoreboards listen. Last year the league's membership played in a total of 102 games. Not once did a Sky offense fail to score points, and only 10 times did a league member fail to score in double figures. There were 24 times when Big Sky teams scored 40 or more points, including eight scores in the 50s and one in the 60s. Boise State once scored 44 points—and lost, 55–44, to Weber State; Idaho State scored 51 points—and lost, 52–51, to Texas A&I in a non-conference game. For the seasonal finale there were the fireworks in the I-AA playoff game between Big Sky rivals Weber State and Idaho, where Idaho scored 30 points—and still lost by 29, 59–30.

Undeterred that it will never be mistaken for the Big Ten, the Big Sky style of point-a-minute football should even increase in intensity for 1988. A majority of 1987's offensive stars are back—a year older and more dangerous. Included are two of the top-rated quarterback prospects in college football—on any level—in John Friesz at Idaho and Greg Wyatt at Northern Arizona. Also, there's Northern Arizona tight end Shawn Collins, who is considered by many pro scouts as the top tight end in the nation; and running back Fine Unga of Weber State, who will contend for the Walter Payton Trophy, I-AA's equivalent to the Heisman. Yet another veteran of Big Sky offensive moves is Nevada-Reno running back Charvez Foger, a three-time all-league selection. But a civil lawsuit stemming from rape charges has put his career on at least temporary hold.

Because of the above star quality athletes, Idaho, Weber State, and Northern Arizona are the Big Sky teams most likely to succeed in 1988, with Nevada-Reno and Montana—a school with 14 starters back, including eight on offense—the next likely to come close. Still, in a league where the best defense is a good offense, and plenty of it, predictions, like leads, are liable to fall in a hurry.

western athletic conference

BRIGHAM YOUNG

Maybe the Cougars haven't ruled the WAC for two full seasons now—placing second in 1986 to San Diego State and second to Wyoming last season—and maybe there hasn't been an All-America quarterback in Provo since Robbie Bosco left his national championship legacy behind and graduated in 1985. But the fact remains, BYU has lost precisely four WAC football games in the past five years, and a total of 10 in the past six.

Going against them is like betting against

the Republicans in Maine. They still figure to be the team to beat in virtually every WAC game they play. Only a 29–27 loss to eventual champion Wyoming kept BYU from a perfect WAC season and a Holiday Bowl berth a year ago. As it was, the Cougars' 9–3 record sent them to their 10th straight bowl game, in this case the All-American Bowl in Birmingham, Ala., where Virginia won, 22–16.

Head coach LaVell Edwards, entering his 17th year with a 146–49–1 record, has eight offensive and five defensive starters returning. Or at least he had that many until spring drills, when no fewer than a dozen players, including several starters, were injured enough to miss playing time.

Headlining the returnees is quarterback Sean Covey, who came in to start and win the final five games of the regular season. His only loss as a starter was in the All-American Bowl. Covey completed 61 percent of his passes and showed the kind of discipline (staying in the pocket, looking for secondary receivers) that characterized the old-time Brigham Young quarterbacks, namely Gary Sheide, Gifford Nielsen, Marc Wilson, Jim McMahon, Steve Young, and Bosco.

All those quarterbacks won WAC titles for Edwards, and Covey could pick up the string. He has experienced senior receivers in tight end Darren Handley and wideout Chuck Cutler, as well as halfback Matt Bellini and fullback Fred Whittingham. Bellini, whose older brother, Mark, was a BYU All-America as a wide receiver in 1985, is a 6-foot, 175-pound sophomore who has deceptive versatility and could be the WAC's most exciting player.

Three starting linemen, including Brian White, also return, giving BYU as much experience on offense as any college team should expect to have. Defensively, that's not the case. Many of 1987's top players are gone, although strong safety Troy Long and cornerback Rodney Rice return to give the secondary two of the WAC's most talented backs.

The biggest obstacle to reclaiming WAC supremacy that was strictly BYU's for the decade from 1976 through 1985 could be the schedule. The Cougars open the season September 1 at Wyoming—never an easy road site for BYU—and then, after a non-conference game with Texas, play UTEP in Provo on September 17. If the Cougars come out of the chute at all slowly—and Edwards' teams have never been noted for particularly fast starts—they could have two losses to two of the strongest WAC contenders before September's leaves have begun to fall. Beyond that, BYU must play San Diego State and Air Force, two more contenders, on the road.

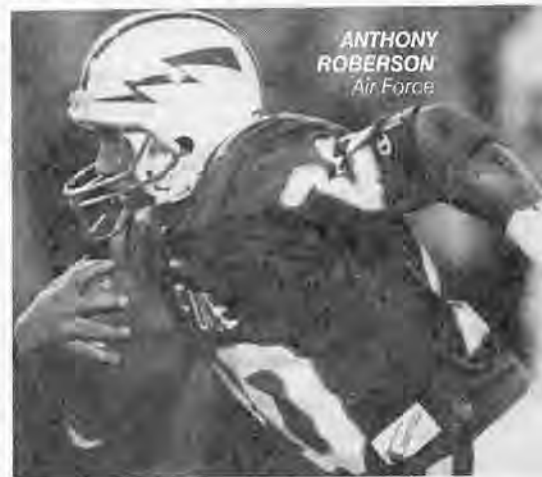
Still, with that legacy of just 10 league losses in 12 years, and a two-year vacation from the top spot, BYU must again be considered the air-apparent to the crown, until proven otherwise.

TEXAS-EL PASO

Rarely has anyone spent a more pleasant winter in El Paso than Bob Stull, the head coach of UTEP. Stull couldn't go anywhere without being congratulated. He bought a few meals on his own but he didn't necessarily have to. After directing the Miners to seven wins in one season—something it had taken his predecessor, Bill Yung, four seasons to accomplish—Stull was hailed as a cross between a genius and a miracle worker. Only in his fourth

year as a head coach, after apprenticing as an assistant under Don James at both Kent State and Massachusetts, Stull replaced Yung in 1986 after two seasons at Massachusetts. At UMass he had gone 3–8 his first season and turned that around for a 7–4 mark in the second year. UTEP hoped he could do the same for the Miners.

He did. After a 4–8 rookie record in '86, Stull got the Miners to 7–4 in 1987. At one point the team was 7–2, until two closing losses to Brigham Young and Wyoming. UTEP's other two losses were to Arizona State and Air Force, signaling that the Miners still didn't knock out anybody with top 30 credentials (the wins were over New Mexico State, Colo-



rado State, Hawaii, San Diego State, Lamar, New Mexico, and Utah). Still, nobody was complaining in the Texas border town, where an average of nearly 40,000 fans came to the 52,000-seat Sun Bowl to watch the Miners play their home games (an increase of more than 12,000 fans from previous seasons).

With quarterback Pat Hegarty and running back John Harvey back, along with the starting line with the exception of one tackle, the Miners have the nucleus of an experienced offense. Hegarty is coming off a season in which he threw for more than 2,000 yards and handed off for nearly another 2,000—chiefly to Harvey, arguably the WAC's top running back. The senior from New York rushed for 1,170 yards in '87 and scored 16 touchdowns. In his spare time he caught 35 receptions, to lead the team. For deception, blocking, and backup work, there's fullback Eddie Dixon, who rushed for 417 yards last season. UTEP loses its starting receivers from '87, but Arnie Adkison, a 6-5, 232-pound tight end who also punts, is back. He averaged 19.3 yards per catch a year ago on 31 receptions and caught 10 passes against Colorado State. He also averaged 38.2 yards per punt.

The Miners have a loaded secondary, with all four starters back from a unit that led the WAC in passing defense with an average yield of just 182.4 yards and held opposing quarterbacks to a completion ratio of just 48.5 percent. Linebacker Doug Morgan, a walk-on, is the team's tackling leader and will be complemented by Greg Evans and junior-college transfer Ken Sale.

With Sun Bowl openers against Mankato State and Weber State, Division II and I-AA schools, respectively, the Miners shouldn't be overworked before their September 19 meet-

ing at Brigham Young—a game that will tell a lot about the WAC race very early.

AIR FORCE

Outland Trophy winner Chad Hennings may be gone, and irreplaceable, but quarterback Dee Dowis is back, with both wrists, and Air Force may have enough offense it might not need the best defensive player in the nation.

Dowis, the Falcons' quarterback, is one of those players who come through. He was the primary reason the Air Force had yet another successful season in 1987 (9-4, their sixth straight winning campaign) as he set an NCAA record by rushing for 1,315 yards. He was also the primary reason the Academy lost to Arizona State in the Freedom Bowl. A broken wrist forced him to miss the game, which ASU won, 33-28.

The wrist took considerable time to heal, and when spring practice came and it was still tender, coach Fisher DeBerry took no chances. Dowis participated in the workouts but was an untouchable player. He wore Levi's to the spring game and watched from the sidelines. Or at least he did until less than a minute remained in the game and he talked the coaches into letting him in for one play. He went in as a wide receiver, ran a hook route, shook loose his defender, and caught a pass from reserve quarterback Greg Anderson that he turned into a 68-yard touchdown.

Joining Dowis in the Air Force's wishbone backfield will be both of last year's top backs, Albert Booker and Anthony Roberson. Three members of the line also return, including right guard David Hlatky, a 6-4, 265-pound senior who is an adept blocker.

The secondary and linebacking corps are experienced, but replacing Hennings in the defensive line is a pipe dream. "You just try to soften the blow the best you can," sighed DeBerry. Also gone is standout nose guard John Steed. Taking Hennings' old spot will be junior Tom Kafka, while junior Ed Stark is expected to replace Steed.

As usual, the Academy will crisscross the nation with its wishbone, playing the full WAC schedule (the WAC is America's most far-flung conference) and complementing it with visits to Notre Dame and Army and non-conference games in Colorado Springs versus Northwestern and Navy.

WYOMING

O.K., is Paul Roach the greatest coach/motivator/fixit man and good old boy since Red Adair, or was Wyoming's WAC-winning 10-3 1987 season a freak of nature, like Yellowstone? Roach celebrated turning 60 last year by taking over a Wyoming football team that had just lost its second coach (Dennis Erickson, to Washington State) in two years. Roach was the Cowboys' athletic director and decided, along with a little urging from the university's board of directors, that he had seen enough of coaches coming to Laramie with a moving van parked in the driveway. Any decent offer and they were gone.

So Roach hired himself. He added the head-coaching job to his A.D. duties, and the first thing he did was assemble the players, who were looking a lot like Boys Town orphans, and give them a Rockne-like speech, Wyoming style. He told them he cared about them and wasn't going to run out on them, and that they should get out there and play

some good old-fashioned cowboy football. Then they sang a rousing chorus of "Ragtime Cowboy Joe" and tore into the opposition. Roach was the WAC Coach of the Year and the Pokes went 8-0 in league play, the biggest win coming in Provo, 29-27 over BYU. Wyoming qualified to play in the Holiday Bowl, where Iowa prevailed by a bare 20-19.

Twelve of '87's starters return, six each on offense and defense. More significantly, Roach returns, ready for his second season as a head coach (he was Wyoming's offensive coordinator from 1962-70 and also coached in the pros at Oakland, Green Bay, and Denver). It's on defense that Wyoming should shine. There is more depth than last year and more experience, and if end Mitchell Donahue doesn't get you then tackle Pat Rabold probably will. Rabold, a 6-2, 260-pound senior, had 63 unassisted tackles in 1987 in addition to 14 quarterback sacks.

The entire starting offensive line returns, which is good news for an offense that passes 65 to 70 percent of the time. Tackle Tony Kapushion, at 275 pounds, is a returning all-WAC standout who never graded worse than 85 percent in any game last season. James Loving and Anthony Sargent, two of the best Wyoming receivers in history, will be hard to replace, but running back Dabby Dawson, a transfer from Wichita, may bring back the run to Laramie. The quarterback battle wasn't settled in the spring and involves Freddie Dusselt, Randy Welniak, and Bryan Mooney.

SAN DIEGO STATE

It was a rough descent for the San Diego State Aztecs in 1987, when the defending WAC champions slipped from an 8-4 1986 record to 5-7 and the best they could do in the conference was 4-4. This despite the fact Todd Santos had another terrific season and finished his career with 11,425 yards—better than any quarterback in NCAA history.

But, then, offense wasn't a problem. The Aztecs finished 10th in the country in total offense with 438.6 yards per game and second in passing offense with 332.5 yards per game. Defensively, however, they ranked 95th—out of 104 Division I-A schools. The Aztecs allowed too many yards and too many points. Every opponent with the exception of Colorado State, which finished 1-11, scored 20 or more points against them. Wyoming, Air Force, and BYU, the WAC's big guns, scored 52, 49, and 38 points, respectively.

Consequently, coach Denny Stolz reworked the Aztec defense in the spring, changing from a 4-3 to a 3-4. The idea is to create more flexibility up front in the face of the variety of offensive sets seen in the WAC. A couple of Aztec defenders, Mario Mitchell and Morey Paul, could make the difference. Mitchell had 36 unassisted tackles a year ago and was a Jim Thorpe nominee as the nation's best defensive back while Paul, who will be the outside linebacker in the new 3-4, was perhaps the best freshman linebacker in America last season. Also, inside linebacker Lee Brannan, a converted tight end, could shore up SDSU's defensive troubles.

Stolz has to fill holes in his offensive line and, of course, at quarterback. Only two starting linemen return. Wide receivers Alfred Jackson and Monty Gilbreath are both back, however, and they caught 75 passes between them. And running back Paul Hewitt, who led

the country in scoring last year with 24 touchdowns and 144 points, returns. Hewitt became only the sixth rusher in San Diego State history to gain more than 1,000 yards. He also caught 42 passes for 378 yards in '87.

At quarterback, junior-college transfer Brack Platt, who sat out a year ago as a redshirt, emerged as the starter after spring ball, but just barely ahead of freshman Scott Barrick. Both Platt and Barrick have great résumés. Platt was California's all-state J.C. quarterback while playing at Southwestern J.C. in the San Diego area in 1986. And Barrick was earning all-state high school honors as well as California Player of the Year accolades.

UTAH

The Utes are loaded with returning starters (14) and a favorable conference schedule (Air Force, San Diego State, and BYU at home) and have more depth at running back than any team in the league. Still, a team that has gone 8-4, 2-9, and 5-7 the past three seasons is hard to figure, not to mention believe in. Utah could win the WAC outright, or finish last, and no one would be terribly surprised. The Utes are consistent at being inconsistent.

The best news starts in the backfield, where Eddie Johnson, twice a 1,000-yard rusher, is back from a knee injury that sat him out most of 1987. Cliff Smith, another well-used runner (424 yards), also returns. Curt Jones, who plays U-back (Utah's answer to flanker), also returns, and at quarterback, soph Scott Mitchell (6-6, 215) is the leader of the pack.

After splitting starting time last year with senior Chris Mendonca, Mitchell will be the full-time man. Coach Jim Fassel has no qualms about that. "Mitchell is the finest quarterback I have coached since John Elway," said Fassel, who was Elway's quarterback coach at



Stanford. Mitchell completed 58 percent of his passes in 1987 and ranked 15th in the nation in passing efficiency at 132.5. He threw just four interceptions and had eight touchdown passes. With the double passing-running threat, and with the addition of a couple of strong junior-college offensive linemen in Lance Heaton (285 pounds) from Ricks J.C. and Ryan Bullet (275) from Dixie J.C., Utah's offense looks capable.

Defensively, question marks still abound. The Utes did improve in their national ranking last year. But they couldn't get worse. They ranked 104th, out of 104 schools, in yards surrendered in 1986. In 1987 they ranked 101st, giving up 476 yards per game. The secondary is a veteran unit. Eric Jacobsen led the WAC in interceptions with seven and the Utes in tackles as a junior. He was honorable mention All-America as well as first-team all-

WAC. But if the Utes are to improve in '87, Jacobsen will have to rack up fewer tackles—and allow the interior line and the secondary a chance to gain some honors for themselves by making the tackles before he has to.

COLORADO STATE

After a 1-11 1987 season that included six losses by a touchdown or less, injuries at every ankle turn, and a final 30-26 loss to Brigham Young in Melbourne, Australia, Colorado State hopes nothing and nobody stays down under forever. If the Rams have a change of luck they could finish higher than seventh, and coach Leon Fuller, now in his seventh year, could keep his job. Certainly the heat is on Fuller, whose overall record is 24-25 at CSU. After 5-7 and 6-5 seasons in 1985 and 1986 indicated a light at the end of the gloom, along came the 1-11. The coach didn't panic. He's made no changes in his staff, or in his offensive or defensive strategy.



The Rams do return 42 lettermen and 14 starters, and if any team has some paying back to do, it's Colorado State. There was the four-point loss to Brigham Young, a one-point loss to Utah, a five-point loss to Wyoming, and a one-point loss to San Diego State.

Best of the returnees is quarterback Scooter Molander, who shined through the abyss last season with 3,168 yards, the second-highest passing total in CSU history. His 449 yards against Hawaii (albeit in a loss) set a school record. Overall he completed 58 percent of his passes and threw 16 touchdowns. His nemesis was interceptions (18). Joining Molander in an experienced backfield are returning starters Scott Whitehouse and Todd Yert. Wide receivers are all new, but Mark Holmes, Sean Willis, and Mike Bartalo all looked promising in the spring. Not a single starter returns on the offensive line.

Linebacker Dave Mundt, despite missing spring practice while recovering from a knee injury, and all-WAC free safety Ron Cortell are the heart of the defense.

HAWAII

Forty-three lettermen return for head coach Bob Wagner's second season at Hawaii, but numbers can be deceiving. The total includes only nine starters, and just two on the defensive unit. More than just Al Noga, the All-America tackle, must be replaced.

The brightest news is that a) the Rainbows have now had a fall and a spring to get used to

Wagner's Run-and Shoot offense and b) senior running back Heikoti Fakava's arthroscopic shoulder surgery was a success and the first-team all-WAC selection from 1987 could challenge for All-America honors this season. Fakava ranked 13th nationally as a junior with 102 points as he rushed for 792 yards and caught 17 passes for another 186 yards. His right shoulder required surgery and kept him out of spring workouts, but he is expected to be at full strength in the fall.

Amosa Amosa, a 266-pound offensive tackle, is a candidate for all-WAC (he was second-team last year) as well as any preseason all-name teams, while wide receiver Chris Gaskill is a three-year letterman and returning starter. Quarterback is a confusing position. Three players, all of whom started sometime in 1987, are back. They are sophomore Garrett Gabriel, Ken Niumatalolo, and Warren Jones. Gabriel emerged from spring drills as No. 1, but the position was still unsettled.

Linebacker Mark Odom will anchor the defense, while Walter Briggs, a former slotback, figures to be a big help at free safety and Theo Adams, a former offensive tackle, should pick up some of the slack left in the wake of Noga's departure as a defensive tackle. Wagner could be Hawaii's best returnee at defense. When he was defensive coordinator at Hawaii, before being named head coach, he continuously kept the Rainbows ranked among the nation's best defenses.

If the 'Bows can get by an early WAC schedule that has them playing road games at Colorado State, Utah, and San Diego State, they could make a run for the title. Their final six games are all at home, with four of them against WAC schools BYU, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Air Force.

NEW MEXICO

After an 0-11 season in 1987 that included last place in the country in both total defense and scoring defense—not to mention winning percentage—most people figured that New Mexico football couldn't get any worse. But that was before Terance Mathis, the WAC's top receiver and the No. 5 ranking end in the nation in 1987, ran into grade problems and became an unlikely returnee for 1988.

Without Mathis, who scored eight touchdowns and kept New Mexico respectable offensively in many games, the Lobos could be in even bigger trouble this season. Mathis did attend classes at Technical Vocational Institute (TVI) in Albuquerque during the summer, after dropping out of UNM, but it was questionable whether he could make up the 12 credit hours he needed for reinstatement. The Lobos did not include him in their preseason media guide.

Just nine starters, five on offense and four on defense, return, which may be good news for a team that went 0-11. There will be a new quarterback, with sophomore Duffy Daugherty (no relation to the late coach) emerging from spring ball as No. 1. Coach Mike Shepard's spring workouts were reportedly spirited, and considerably better attended than the games in '87, when fewer than 50 players were able to dress for the last few games. At least 30 new recruits and 27 redshirts joined 27 returning lettermen for the spring drills. Tight end John Duff could end up being the WAC's best at that position, after 51 catches for 701 yards a year ago.

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IDAHO

With 17 starters returning, including 6-foot-4, 214-pound John Friesz (as in freeze) at quarterback, the defending champion Vandals are natural preseason favorites. But don't mention the "R" word in Moscow. Repeating in the Big Sky is as tough as repeating in the NFL, the NBA, or a South American election. It's been 13 years since Boise State turned the trick by winning back-to-back league titles in 1974-75. Since then the conference has forgotten how to spell juggernaut.

Still, Idaho does have Friesz, the No. 2 ranking Division I-AA total-offense player last season despite the fact he was a mere sophomore. He managed to account for an average of 317.18 yards per game as Idaho finished 9-3 overall and 7-1 in the league. Friesz was also the seventh-ranked passer in I-AA, which got him a lot of respect nationally as well as in his own conference, where the quarterbacks at Montana, Nevada-Reno, and Northern Arizona all finished with higher ratings and he had to settle for fourth-best. The Vandals also have virtually their entire offense back. They lost half a tight end and one wide receiver from last year's starters. The line returns. The only opening-day question mark is at running back. The Vandals' three top backs sat out spring practice, still nursing nagging injuries from an '87 campaign that was as injury-prone as it was prolific. Only Bruce Harris is sure to play this season.

But then, the Vandals don't rely on the run nearly as much as the pass—as illustrated by the fact coach Keith Gilbertson's team led the Big Sky with 337.3 passing yards per game in 1987 and ranked No. 3 nationally. The Vandals threw the ball 508 times in 11 regular-season games, for an average of 46 attempts per game. John Jake (5-8, 170), who caught 45 passes for 734 yards and eight touchdowns a year ago, is the leading receiver back, and will be Friesz's favorite target along with Lee Allen, a transfer from Eastern Washington who caught 23 last season for 452 yards and four TDs and wasn't a starter.

Defensively, the Vandals return six starters, and can be had, especially in a brand-new secondary that lost Ernest Sanders and Virgil Paulsen, two all-Big Sky first-team defensive backs. But they probably can't be had nearly enough. Idaho figures to throw a lot of touchdowns at anybody and everybody this season (including Pacific, a Division I-A foe coming up in the second game), and if the Vandals don't knock anyone out, well, they'll take their chances on winning by points.

WEBER STATE

For a team picked to finish near the rear of the conference race in 1987, Weber State's 10-3 season (7-1 in league play) was easily the surprise turnaround of the year, not to mention the biggest single-season reversal in Division I-AA history. The Wildcats improved all the way from a 3-8 record in 1986. Despite having an identical league mark as Idaho, Weber was denied a Big Sky title—which would have been the Wildcats' first since 1968—because of a conference tie-breaker that awards the championship to the team that wins the head-to-head battle between the tying teams. Idaho had won the regular season game, 41-38. Weber got revenge in the I-AA playoffs, how-

ever, beating the Vandals, 59-30, in Moscow to advance to the quarterfinals, where they lost to Marshall, 51-23.

Two main factors centered around Weber's turnaround, one readily apparent and the other not at all so. First, there was the hard-to-miss effort of Fine Unga (pronounced Finny Un-gah), who became the first Weber back in 20 years to rush for over 1,000 yards. He got 1,032 on 173 carries for a six-yard average and was also eighth in the Big Sky in kickoff returns with 652 yards on 31 returns and caught 12 passes for another 162 yards.

Second, there were the tapes coach Mike Price played constantly in the Wildcats' locker room, and sent home in cassette form with the players so they could listen to them around the clock. They were contemporary music cassettes that contained messages that, supposedly, could be picked up only by the subconscious, or subliminal, part of the brain. The players, while listening to Marvin Gaye and reggae, were bombarded by positive thoughts, urging them to play hard, to drive for the extra, to believe in themselves.

"Did the tapes work? Well, you be the judge," said Price, who liked to point to the fact Weber outscored its 1987 opposition, 196-150, in the second half and won several games in the last seconds.

Both Unga and the tapes will be back for '88. Unga had to win a special appeal to the NCAA to qualify for a second season at Weber. He played his first two years of football at Dixie Junior College in St. George, Utah. But he had taken two years off between his first and second years at Dixie and was at first thought to have only one year of eligibility remaining when Weber picked him up in 1987. Family problems and plans to serve a mission for the Mormon church were mitigating circumstances in Unga's two-year hiatus, however, and prompted the NCAA to award him another year. At 5-11 and 225 pounds and with 4.5 speed in the 40, Unga will challenge as the most dominating back in I-AA.

Back to complement Unga is most of Weber's 1987 offense, including quarterback Jeff Carlson, a fifth-year senior who was eighth in the country in passing efficiency (136.1) and seventh in total offense last year (266 yards per game); and wide receiver Wade Orton, who caught 54 passes for 919 yards last season, including 22 receptions in back-to-back games at Montana State and Montana. Weber won each game by a three-point margin, on the strength of an Orton game-winning TD.

Strong safety Calvin Hampton, who had two sacks last year, anchors a secondary-rich defense that might allow Weber to fare better than others in the pass-happy Big Sky.

NORTHERN ARIZONA

While it was Idaho sophomore John Friesz who was the unanimous all-Big Sky quarterback in 1987, it was Northern Arizona soph Greg Wyatt who was quietly making collegiate history by becoming the first quarterback ever to throw more than 500 completions in his first two years of competition. Wyatt, a 6-3, 198-pounder from Phoenix, completed 268 passes in 412 attempts (65 percent). As an NAU freshman he had completed another 250 passes. Still, Friesz's 311 completions in 502 attempts (62 percent) overshadowed Wyatt last year, as did Idaho's 7-1 Big Sky record (compared with NAU's 4-4 mark). The Lum-

berjacks went 3-0 on the outside, enjoying their second straight 7-4 season under coach Larry Kentera and leaving six straight losing records lost in the early years of the '80s.

Some pro scouts think Wyatt may be the best quarterback prospect in Division I-AA, ahead of Friesz, and rank him only behind Troy Aikman of UCLA. His credentials include an ability to hit the secondary receivers—he completed passes to 14 different receivers last year—and his general intelligence. In the classroom Wyatt carries a 3.46 grade-point average in finance.

Toss in the fact that, besides Wyatt, NAU has eight other offensive starters returning and it's hard to see a losing season in store for the Lumberjacks. The line, with the exception of center, is back intact, averaging 271 pounds and featuring Frank Pollack (283) at right guard and Vince Beemiller (285) at right tackle. At tight end is 6-4, 200-pound senior Shawn Collins, a player well-known by the pro scouts. In 1987, Collins caught 61 passes for 653 yards and nine touchdowns to rank fourth among Big Sky receivers. On the ground running back Charles Matthews averaged 6.0 yards per carry in 1987 to tie with Weber's Unga for best average in the conference. A nephew of former Arizona State and NFL stars Art and Benny Malone, Matthews played everywhere as a junior, leading NAU's special teams in tackles.

In all, Kentera, once the celebrated defensive coordinator at Arizona State when Frank Kush was turning out regular WAC championships, returns 38 of last year's top 44 players, including I-AA field-goal and PAT scoring leader Micky Penaflor. Nine defensive starters are back from a team that finished first in the Big Sky in total defense, limiting foes to 331.7 yards per game—which is saying something in the Big Sky. The best of the defenders could be linebacker Erik Vance, the Lumberjacks' leading tackler in '87.

NEVADA-RENO

After suffering through its first losing season in 12 years under head coach Chris Ault, and after giving up what the coach thought was too much time to opposing quarterbacks, Nevada-Reno has changed its defense to a 3-4 instead of a 4-3, with an emphasis on pass rush. Reno is coming off a 5-6 record (4-4 in the Big Sky) that included three losses of five points or fewer. Still, it was hard to take for a program that had reeled off consistent winning seasons since Ault took control in 1976. The Wolfpack had gone to the I-AA national championship semifinals in 1978, 1979, 1983, 1985, and 1986 and had won the Big Sky in '86 with a 7-0 mark. Despite his 4-4 1987 record, Ault remains the winningest coach in Big Sky Conference history, and his 44-20 (.679) conference record ranks third on the league all-time percentage list for coaches with five or more years' experience.

The biggest question mark is the status of running back Charvez Foger. The 5-11, 205-pound fifth-year senior from Las Vegas is coming off three all-Big Sky conference seasons, putting him within reach of becoming the first-ever player to earn four all-league awards. But there's a rub. Two years ago a Reno coed claimed she was raped by Foger. A subsequent criminal investigation that included the convening of a grand jury didn't indict anyone, leaving Foger free of criminal

charges. But then a civil suit was filed, naming as defendants not only Foger but the University of Nevada-Reno as well, since the alleged rape took place in student housing. As the case has dragged on, it has become something of a political football. Consequently there is pressure on the football program not to have Foger in the lineup until the suit is taken care of. "He probably will not play," said Reno sports information director Paul Stuart. "Unless the whole thing is resolved—and it's not moving very fast."

Foger rushed for 1,132 yards last season with 12 touchdowns and a 5.4 yards-per-play average. He was good for 7.8 points per game all by himself. Without him the Wolfpack will have to go with inexperience at fullback, but elsewhere the offense is loaded with experience. Quarterback Jim Zaccheo, who transferred into the program as a junior, heads the list. He was fourth in the nation (and second in the Big Sky) in 1987 in passing



FINE UNGA
Weber State

efficiency with a 142.0 rating and was 17th in the country in total offense at 211 yards per game. Zaccheo's top receiver, Tony Logan, who had 1,099 yards a year ago on 64 receptions to become Reno's first-ever receiver to have a 1,000-yard season, is back. So is wingback Patrick Egu, tight end Demetrius Davis, and three of four interior linemen.

The Wolfpack secondary could be the best in the conference if a pair of California transfers, Brian Pool of Cerritos J. C. and George Jackson of Bakersfield J. C., round into form. They'll join returning starters Ken Caleb and Bernard Ellison, who is probably Reno's best all-around athlete. On the line, three-year starter Bill Bonsall will be the center of it all, transferring from tackle to nose guard in the 4-3.

A big concern for Reno will be trying to get used to life after Zendejas. For the past seven seasons the Wolfpack has had a Zendejas (first Tony, then Marty) kicking the football. Over the seven-year span the brothers averaged 100 points a season.

MONTANA

The revival continues at Montana, where, for its next act, "Air Read" will attempt to make it three consecutive winning seasons. That may not be anything to brag about at, say, Oklahoma or Boise State, but at Montana, after just two winning seasons spread out over 14 years prior to the arrival of coach Don Read, another successful record would be looked on like a silver strike. Not since 1969-71, when coach Jack Swarthout had 10-1, 10-1, and 6-5 seasons, has Montana had anything close to winning consistency. Read's rookie try in 1986

came up with a 6-4 record and last year he guided the Grizzlies to a 6-5 mark. Most of the losses (seven of the nine) have been to Big Sky schools, leaving Montana just fifth and third in the league's standings. With both Idaho and Northern Arizona at home this season, and a late-season (October 29) date at Weber State, the conference schedule favors Montana in '88. If there's to be a giant-killer this year, the most likely suspect is MU.

There is one big hole to fill. Quarterback Scott Werbelow is gone, taking his 161.6 passing efficiency rating with him (No. 2 in Division I-AA). He'll be replaced by either Grady Bennett, a transfer from Montana State (of all places), or Scott Waak, a sophomore who started the first five games last year. Whoever takes over will have the momentum from last year's strong finish, when the Grizzlies won three of their last four games. They beat Montana State, 55-7, Idaho State, 63-0, and Eastern Washington, 22-3, before losing to Cal-Fullerton, 43-26, in the last game.

Allowing 10 points in those final three Big Sky games indicates Montana doesn't neglect defense as much as some of its conference peers—or as much as the pre-Read defenses in 1984 and 1985 that gave up more yards each season than any other school in I-AA. Six defensive starters return, in addition to kicker Jake Schloesser. Tackle Rick Sullivan and cornerbacks Tim Hauck and Quinton Richardson are the leaders.

Offensively, both Renard Coleman and Jody Farmer return at running back. They combined for more than 1,100 yards in 1987, belying the belief that "Air Read" is strictly an air show. Montana actually registered only sixth in passing offense in the Big Sky in 1987, at 248.1 yards per game, and 13th in the country. Wide receivers Mike Trevathan and Matt Clark also return, as does every starter on the line with the big exception of one tackle: 308-pound all-Big Sky Larry Clarkson.

BOISE STATE

After a somewhat distressing welcome to Big Sky-style football, Boise State coach Skip Hall comes into his second season eager to correct an annoying 1987 tendency to give away games. With the fourth-most prolific offense in I-AA (450 yards per game) and the No. 1-rated offense in the Big Sky, the Broncos could only break even, at 4-4, in league play. They would dominate for three quarters, and then let up at the finish. They outscored the opposition 99-50 in the first quarter, 89-53 in the second, 103-52 in the third, and then got beat in the fourth quarter, 106-77. Close losses to Idaho State (35-32), Utah (31-27), Nevada-Reno (36-31), and Idaho (40-34) turned a potential 10-1 season into 6-5.

Personnel losses are heavy for the Broncos, so 1988 doesn't look to be a quick-turnaround season. Five offensive and six defensive starters are back, and of those only six are seniors. More than 70 percent of Boise's players are either sophomores, freshmen, or redshirt freshmen. Opening on the road is probably a good idea, for seasoning purposes, and Boise will do just that. The Broncos will play at Long Beach State and then host Sam Houston State before hitting the Big Sky road for Northern Arizona and Eastern Washington.

Taking over at quarterback, in the wake of Vince Alcalde's departure, will be Duane Halliday, last year's backup and a strong option-

type quarterback who should add versatility to Boise's multifaceted attack. Halliday is a graduate of the same high school in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, as Idaho quarterback John Friesz. He will be behind a line that will average 6-5 and 265 pounds. That's the good news. The bad news is that they're mostly underclassmen with a lot of baby fat to lose.

In the spring the defense dominated the offense. And indeed, if Boise is to climb into the Big Sky's first division in 1988—something the Broncos have always done, never having finished worse than fourth, ever—it will likely be the defense that makes it happen. Outside linebacker Jerry Ennis is one of the best in the country and sophomore cornerback Kenny Kuehl, after six interceptions in 1987, is the top back at that specialty in the conference. Replacing first-team all-Big Sky tackle Pete Kwitkowski will be the biggest challenge.

EASTERN WASHINGTON

You can't say much for Eastern Washington's timing, not after waiting all those seasons to finally get in the Big Sky Conference and then coming up with its worst season in a decade. Coach Dick Zornes, with a career record of 55-26-1 prior to 1987, suffered his first losing season ever as the Eagles went 4-7 overall and 2-6 in the Sky, finishing eighth. More aggravating was the fact that in 1986 the Eagles had played a full Big Sky schedule that was unofficial and went 5-3.

More than slightly responsible for the '87 downturn was the loss of running back Jamie Townsend and wide receiver Kevin Larew. Townsend went down with a knee just two quarters into the season's first game and Larew was in a car accident before the season began, blowing out his knee and missing the entire campaign. Both are back in '88, which is the first reason for optimism that winning times could return. Also, Jamie Buenzli returns. It was he who filled in for Larew last season and wound up with a 1,044-yard season, the first 1,000-yard receiving effort in Eastern Washington history. Quarterback Jon Snider is gone, and will be replaced by either redshirt freshman Matt Sayre or Scott Stuart. Jeff Mickel (6-6, 282) is the top offensive lineman and could vie for first-team all-conference honors. In all, the Eagles look relatively strong and healthy on offense.

Defensively, however, with just five starters back and little depth, they could be suspect. The secondary is the strongest area, but the pass rush and the linebacker positions are lean and inexperienced.

The bottom line: With fewer than two dozen juniors and seniors returning, and with the conference as loaded as it's ever been, Eastern Washington may have to wait at least one more season before it starts showing off as the new kid on the block.

IDAHO STATE

No sooner did the Bengals climb to the top of the nation with their superlative 12-1 I-AA championship season in '81 when they started sliding downhill without any brakes. The Bengals have had just one winning season in the past six post-title campaigns—an 8-4 effort in 1983, when Jim Koetter was hired as the head coach. Last year's 3-7-1 was Koetter's fourth straight losing effort (providing you don't count a forfeit win in 1984), and that was enough to bring on a new coach.

The new guy is Garth Hall, who was most recently an assistant coach at Oregon State. Hall's boss at OSU was Dave Kragthorpe, the head coach who masterminded Idaho State's championship season in '81—and who subsequently got the OSU job as a result. The Bengals are hoping some of Kragthorpe's expertise rubbed off onto Hall. Not only did the two coaches work together at Oregon State, but in the '70s they were together at BYU, as assistants to LaVell Edwards. As he did at BYU and OSU, Hall will pass at Idaho State. And if that doesn't work he'll pass some more. The new coach put his team, which includes 15 starters returning, through what was reportedly a very spirited spring. Not only was the ball up for grabs, but so were a lot of positions. Nobody's safe after a 3-7-1 season.

Jason Whitmer, the No. 5 quarterback in all of I-AA in total offense (270.3 yards per game) in 1987, is no cinch to start in the Bengals' opener at Utah on September 10. Joe Evans, a transfer from Snow Junior College in Utah, is a viable contender after spring ball, and Hall made no decision before August workouts. The line returns intact, which bodes well for pass protection, and the defensive line is experienced as well, with tackle Paul Schwenke (6-2, 276) the top returnee.

Hall decided against playing a spring game, not wanting to waste time that could be better spent getting the Bengals used to his new offensive system. Still, it might have been a good idea for the Bengals to get a "W" when they could. Their 1988 schedule features non-conference road games against two I-A schools in Utah and Oregon and conference road games against the top contenders (Weber State, Northern Arizona, and Idaho).

MONTANA STATE

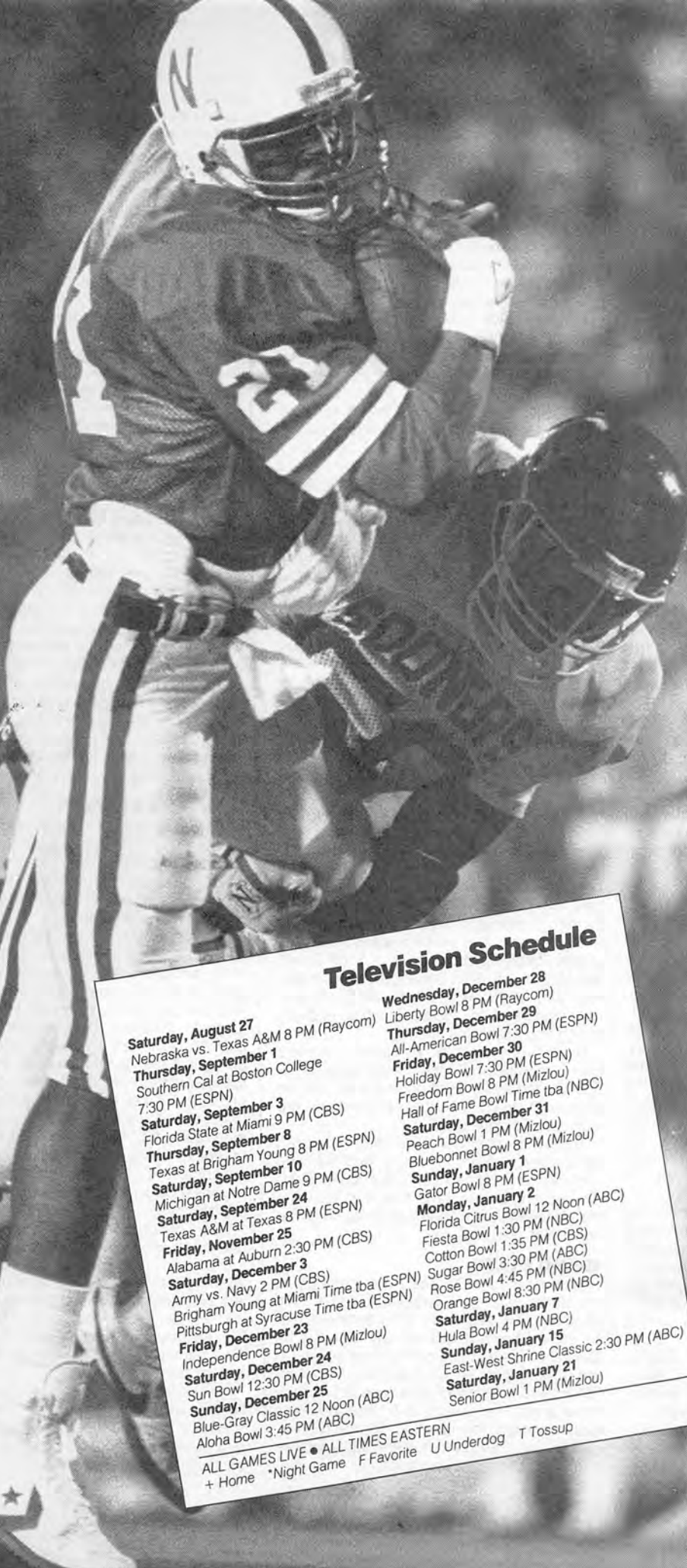
There was a time last season, after a September 12 game in Bozeman against Sam Houston State, that the Bobcats thought the season might not be so bad after all. They had just scored 52 points to win. But only barely. Sam Houston had scored 48.

The rest of the season, MSU didn't come close to scoring as many as 52 points, and didn't win again. The Bobcats gave up more points than a pinball machine (an average of 41.8 per game). They had the friendliest defense in America. They surrendered more than 50 points six times and more than 30 points in every game but one (a 14-7 loss to Idaho, which to this day remains totally inexplicable...it was followed by a 52-33 loss to Idaho State). It's not necessarily good news, then, that MSU has the bulk of its defense returning—seven starters, including the entire secondary. It's certainly no guarantee that anyone's job is secure after a winless (0-8) Big Sky campaign and 1-10 record overall.

Head coach Earle Solomonson, who took over from Dave Arnold last season, brought in four transfers, 21 freshmen, and no fewer than 20 redshirts to shore up a lot of fronts in '88. The Bobcats' top returnee on offense is split end Pat Bergman, who caught 30 passes in '87. Also back is running back Tony Moore, who rushed for 344 yards on 63 carries and ranked 13th in the Big Sky.

An opener September 3 at Florida doesn't figure to bolster MSU's early confidence, but a game the following week in Bozeman against Mesa College should allow the 'Cats to at least equal last season's win total.

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Television Schedule

Saturday, August 27

Nebraska vs. Texas A&M 8 PM (Raycom)

Thursday, September 1

Southern Cal at Boston College
7:30 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, September 3

Florida State at Miami 9 PM (CBS)

Thursday, September 8

Texas at Brigham Young 8 PM (ESPN)

Saturday, September 10

Michigan at Notre Dame 9 PM (CBS)

Saturday, September 24

Texas A&M at Texas 8 PM (ESPN)

Friday, November 25

Alabama at Auburn 2:30 PM (CBS)

Saturday, December 3

Army vs. Navy 2 PM (CBS)

Brigham Young at Miami Time tba (ESPN)

Friday, December 23

Pittsburgh at Syracuse Time tba (ESPN)

Saturday, December 24

Sun Bowl 12:30 PM (CBS)

Sunday, December 25

Blue-Gray Classic 12 Noon (ABC)

Aloha Bowl 3:45 PM (ABC)

Wednesday, December 28

Liberty Bowl 8 PM (Raycom)

Thursday, December 29

All-American Bowl 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Friday, December 30

Holiday Bowl 7:30 PM (ESPN)

Freedom Bowl 8 PM (Mizlou)

Hall of Fame Bowl Time tba (NBC)

Saturday, December 31

Peach Bowl 1 PM (Mizlou)

Bluebonnet Bowl 8 PM (Mizlou)

Sunday, January 1

Gator Bowl 8 PM (ESPN)

Monday, January 2

Florida Citrus Bowl 12 Noon (ABC)

Fiesta Bowl 1:35 PM (NBC)

Cotton Bowl 3:30 PM (ABC)

Sugar Bowl 3:30 PM (NBC)

Rose Bowl 4:45 PM (NBC)

Saturday, January 7

Orange Bowl 8:30 PM (NBC)

Sunday, January 15

Hula Bowl 4 PM (NBC)

Sunday, January 21

East-West Shrine Classic 2:30 PM (ABC)

Senior Bowl 1 PM (Mizlou)

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ABILENE CHRISTIAN Abilene, TX

S.10 Northern Colorado +*T	30-35
S.17 East Central Oklahoma*F	
S.24 Alcorn State +*U	
O. 1 Eastern New Mexico U	13-17
O. 8 Central State(OK)*F	38-14
O.15 Angelo State +*U	24-45
O.22 Cameron University U	3-18
O.29 East Texas State +F	38-10
N. 5 Texas A&I*U	28-35
N.12 West Texas State +F	27-17

Coach: John Payne • Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Wildcats • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Colorado Springs, CO

S. 3 Colorado State F	27-19
S.10 San Diego State*F	49-7
S.17 Northwestern +F	
S.24 Wyoming +F	13-27
O. 1 New Mexico +F	73-26
O. 8 Navy +F	23-13
O.15 Utah F	48-27
O.22 Notre Dame U	14-35
N. 5 Army F	27-10
N.12 Brigham Young +U	13-24
N.19 Texas-El Paso*U	35-7
N.26 Hawaii*F	34-31

Coach: Fisher DeBerry • Colors: Silver & Blue
Nickname: Falcons • 1987 Record: W-9, L-4

AKRON Akron, OH

S. 3 Northern Illinois*U	27-21
S.10 Kent State U	23-27
S.17 Central Michigan +*U	
S.24 New Mexico*F	
O. 1 Youngstown State U	6-10
O. 8 Arkansas State +*U	
O.15 Auburn U	
O.22 Long Beach State +*F	
O.29 Cal State-Fullerton +*F	
N. 5 New Mexico State +*F	
N.12 Temple +*U	3-23

Coach: Gerry Faust • Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Zips • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

ALABAMA Tuscaloosa, AL

S.10 Temple*F	
S.17 Texas A&M*U	
S.24 Vanderbilt +F	30-23
O. 1 Kentucky F	
O. 8 Mississippi +F	
O.15 Tennessee F	41-22
O.22 Penn. State(α) F	24-13
O.29 Mississippi State F	21-18
N. 5 Louisiana State +F	22-10
N.12 Southwestern Louisiana(α) F	38-10
N.25 Auburn(α) U	0-10
(α) At Birmingham, AL	

Coach: Bill Curry • Colors: Crimson & White
Nickname: Crimson Tide • 1987 Record: W-7, L-5

ALABAMA STATE Montgomery, AL

S.10 Southern University*U	10-14
S.17 Alcorn State U	17-9
S.24 Texas Southern(α) F	9-31
O. 8 Jackson State* +U	17-41
O.15 Albany State (GA) F	21-20
O.22 Prairie View A&M*F	24-7
O.29 Alabama A&M*F	17-14
N. 5 Grambling U	17-7
N.12 Miss. Valley State F	21-0
(α) At Mobile, AL # At Austin, TX	
% At Birmingham, AL	

Coach: Houston Markham • Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Hornets • 1987 Record: W-8, L-3

ALCORN STATE Lorman, MS

S. 3 Grambling*(α) F	28-24
S.17 Alabama State +F	9-17
S.24 Abilene Christian*F	
O. 1 Middle Tenn. State +U	
O. 8 Texas Southern +F	24-21
O.15 Lamar*U	
O.22 Southern +F	19-17
N. 5 Mississippi Valley State F	21-13
N.12 Prairie View A&M F	20-19
N.19 Jackson State +F	10-19
(α) At Shreveport, LA	

Coach: Theo Danzy • Colors: Purple & Gold
Nickname: Braves • 1987 Record: W-6, L-3

ANGELO STATE San Angelo, TX		
S. 3 Sam Houston State*U	14-31	
S.10 Southern Utah State*F		
S.24 Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo*F		
O. 1 West Texas State*F	36-7	
O. 8 Eastern New Mexico*F	0-18	
O.15 Abilene Christian*F	45-24	
O.22 Central State*F	17-10	
O.29 Cameron University*F		
N. 5 East Texas State*F	49-8	
N.12 Texas A&I*F	13-6	

Coach: Jerry Vandergriff • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Rams • 1987 Record: W-8, L-3

APPALACHIAN STATE Boone, NC		
S. 3 The Citadel*F	27-17	
S.10 James Madison*F	17-10	
S.24 Gardner-Webb*F		
O. 1 South Carolina U	3-24	
O. 8 WMI*F	27-10	
O.15 Furman*U	16-8	
O.22 East Tennessee State*U	28-9	
O.29 Marshall*U	17-10	
O. 5 Western Carolina*U	33-13	
N.12 UT-Chattanooga*F	17-3	
N.19 Wake Forest U	12-16	

Coach: Sparky Woods • Colors: Black & Gold
 Nickname: Mountaineers • 1987 Record: W-11, L-3

ARIZONA Tucson, AZ		
S. 3 Oregon State*F	31-17	
S.10 Texas Tech*F		
S.17 Oklahoma U		
S.24 Eastern Michigan*F		
O. 1 Southern Cal*U	10-12	
O.15 Washington State*F	28-45	
O.22 UCLA*U	24-34	
O.29 California*F	23-23	
N. 5 Washington U	21-21	
N.12 Oregon*F		
N.26 Arizona State*F	24-24	

Coach: Dick Tomey • Colors: Cardinal & Navy
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1987 Record: W-4, L-4, T-3

ARIZONA STATE Tempe, AZ		
S.10 Illinois*F	21-7	
S.17 Colorado State*F		
S.24 Nebraska U	28-35	
O. 1 Lamar*F		
O. 8 Washington*U	14-27	
O.15 Stanford U		
O.22 Washington State*F	38-7	
O.29 Oregon U	37-13	
N. 5 Oregon State*F	30-21	
N.12 Southern Cal*U		
N.26 Arizona U	24-24	

Coach: Larry Marmie • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Sun Devils • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4, T-1

ARKANSAS Fayetteville, AR		
S. 3 Pacific*F		
S.10 Tulsa*F	30-15	
S.17 Mississippi*F	31-10	
O. 1 Texas Christian*F	20-10	
O. 8 Texas Tech*F	31-0	
O.15 Texas U	14-16	
O.22 Houston*F	21-17	
O.29 Rice*F	38-14	
N. 5 Baylor*F	10-7	
N.12 Texas A&M*U	0-14	
N.26 Miami U	7-51	

Coach: Ken Hatfield • Colors: Cardinal & White
 Nickname: Razorbacks • 1987 Record: W-9, L-4

ARKANSAS STATE Jonesboro, AR		
S. 3 Delta State*F		
S.10 Memphis State*U	21-21	
S.17 North Texas State*F	27-20	
S.24 NE Louisiana*U	21-31	
O. 1 Southern Illinois*F	33-9	
O. 8 Akron*F		
O.15 Mississippi U	10-47	
O.22 Lamar*F	34-20	
O.29 Louisiana Tech*F	37-3	
N. 5 Illinois State*F		
N.19 SW Louisiana*U		

Coach: Larry Lacowell • Colors: Scarlet & Black
 Nickname: Indians • 1987 Record: W-8, L-4, T-1

ARMY West Point, NY		
S.10 Holy Cross*U	24-34	
S.17 Washington U		
S.24 Northwestern*F		
O. 1 Bucknell*F		
O. 8 Yale*F		
O.15 Lafayette*F	49-37	
O.22 Rutgers*U	14-27	
N. 5 Air Force*U	10-27	
N.12 Vanderbilt*U		
N.19 Boston College*U	24-29	
D. 3 Navy*F	17-3	

Coach: Jim Young • Colors: Black, Gold, Gray
 Nickname: Cadets, Black Knights • 1987 Record: W-5, L-5

AUBURN Auburn, AL		
S.10 Kentucky*F		
S.17 Kansas*F	49-0	
S.24 Tennessee*F	20-20	
O. 1 North Carolina*F	20-10	
O. 8 Louisiana State*F		
O.15 Akron*F		
O.22 Mississippi State*F	38-7	
O.29 Florida F	29-6	
N. 5 Southern Mississippi*F		
N.12 Georgia*F	27-11	
N.25 Alabama*F	10-0	

Coach: Pat Dye • Colors: Burnt Orange & Navy Blue
 Nickname: Tigers • 1987 Record: W-9, L-1, T-2

AUGUSTANA Rock Island, IL		
S.17 Lake Forest*F		
S.24 Elmhurst*F	38-3	
O. 1 North Park College*F	69-0	
O. 8 Carroll College*F	27-13	
O.15 Wheaton College*F	28-6	
O.22 Illinois Wesleyan*F	52-3	
O.29 Carthage College*F	40-6	
N. 5 Millikin F	48-14	
N.12 North Central College*F	28-7	

Coach: Bob Reade • Colors: Gold & Blue
 Nickname: Vikings • 1987 Record: W-10, L-1

AUGUSTANA Sioux Falls, SD		
S. 5 Minnesota-Morris*F		
S.10 Bemidji State (MN)*F		
S.17 North Dakota*U	3-49	
S.24 North Dakota State*F	0-34	
O. 1 South Dakota*U	0-17	
O. 8 South Dakota State	28-17	
O.15 Nebraska-Omaha*F	9-28	
O.22 Morningside	10-17	
O.29 Northern Colorado	20-34	
N. 5 Mankato State*U	0-18	
N.12 St. Cloud State	12-20	

Coach: Jim Heintz • Colors: Blue & Yellow
 Nickname: Vikings • 1987 Record: W-2, L-9

AUSTIN PEAY Clarksville, TN		
S. 3 Kentucky State*F		
S.10 Eastern Illinois*U		
S.17 Cincinnati*U	10-42	
O. 1 Western Kentucky*U	0-27	
O. 8 Eastern Kentucky*U	7-50	
O.15 Toledo U		
O.22 Middle Tennessee*U	16-38	
O.29 Morehead State U	20-13	
N. 5 Tennessee State*U		
N.12 Tennessee Tech U	9-14	
N.19 Murray State*U	0-40	

Coach: Paul Brewster • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Governors • 1987 Record: W-2, L-9

BALL STATE Muncie, IN		
S. 3 Toledo*F	17-21	
S.10 Bowling Green*U	0-24	
S.17 Massachusetts*F		
O. 1 Miami (OH)*F	20-30	
O. 8 Kent State U	24-23	
O.15 Eastern Michigan*U	28-35	
O.22 Central Michigan U	13-3	
O.29 Northern Illinois U	42-17	
N. 5 Western Michigan*F	16-31	
N.12 Ohio University*F	30-17	
N.17 Indiana State*F	23-24	

Coach: Paul Schudel • Colors: Cardinal & White
 Nickname: Cardinals • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

BAYLOR Waco, TX		
S. 3 Nevada-Las Vegas*F	21-14	
S.10 Kansas F		
S.17 Iowa State F		
S.24 Texas Tech*U	36-22	
O. 1 Houston*F	30-18	
O. 8 SW Texas State*F	36-15	
O.15 Texas A&M U	10-34	
O.22 Texas Christian U	0-24	
N. 5 Arkansas*U	7-10	
N.12 Rice F	34-31	
N.19 Texas*U	16-34	

Coach: Grant Teaff • Colors: Green & Gold
 Nickname: Bears • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

BETHUNE-COOKMAN Daytona Beach, FL		
S. 2 Central Florida*F	9-17	
S.10 Morgan State*F	34-22	
S.17 Howard U	51-58	
S.24 Grambling*U	14-21	
O. 1 Delaware State*U	0-45	
O.15 South Carolina State*U	20-41	
O.22 Georgia Southern U	13-14	
S.29 North Carolina A&T F	38-36	
N. 5 Southern*U		
N.12 Morris Brown*F	34-12	
N.26 Florida A&M*U	10-21	

Coach: Larry Little • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

BOISE STATE Boise, ID		
S. 3 Long Beach State*F		
S.10 Sam Houston State*U		
S.17 Northern Arizona*U	48-18	
S.24 Eastern Washington*F	38-13	
O. 1 Weber State*U	44-55	
O.15 Montana State F	35-13	
O.22 Montana*U	3-12	
O.29 Nevada-Reno*U	36-31	
N. 5 Idaho State*F	32-35	
N.12 Eastern Illinois*F		
N.19 Idaho*U	34-40	

Coach: Skip Hall • Colors: Blue & Orange
 Nickname: Broncos • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

BOSTON COLLEGE Chestnut Hill, MA		
S. 1 Southern Cal*U	17-23	
S.10 Cincinnati*F		
S.17 Penn State U	17-27	
S.24 Texas Christian*F	38-20	
O. 1 Pittsburgh*U	13-10	
O.15 Rutgers*F	24-38	
O.22 West Virginia U	16-37	
N. 5 Tennessee U	20-18	
N.12 Syracuse*F	17-45	
N.19 Army*F	29-24	
N.26 Temple F	28-7	

Coach: Jack Bicknell • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Eagles • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

BOSTON UNIVERSITY Boston, MA		
S.10 Rhode Island U	16-13	
S.17 James Madison*U		
S.24 Villanova*U	7-14	
O. 1 Massachusetts U	7-10	
O. 8 Maine*U	19-33	
O.16 Richmond*U	24-33	
O.22 The Citadel*F	7-34	
O.29 New Hampshire*U	20-27	
N. 5 Harvard U		
N.12 Connecticut*U	31-7	
N.19 Delaware U	10-17	

Coach: Chris Palmer • Colors: Scarlet & White
 Nickname: Terriers • 1987 Record: W-3, L-8

BOWLING GREEN Bowling Green, OH		
S. 3 West Virginia U		
S.10 Ball State*F	24-0	
S.17 Texas Christian*U		
S.24 Toledo*F	20-6	
O. 1 Western Michigan F	27-34	
O. 8 Ohio University*F	28-7	
O.15 Central Michigan U	18-17	
O.22 Youngstown State*F	17-20	
O.29 Miami*F	7-17	
N. 5 Kent State U	30-20	
N.12 Eastern Michigan*U	18-38	

Coach: Moe Ankeny • Colors: Orange & Brown
 Nickname: Falcons • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

BRIGHAM YOUNG Provo, UT		
S. 1 Wyoming*F	27-29	
S. 8 Texas*U	22-17	
S.17 Texas-El Paso*F	37-24	
S.30 Utah State*F	45-24	
O. 8 Colorado State*F	30-26	
O.15 Texas Christian*F	12-33	
O.22 Hawaii*F	16-14	
O.29 New Mexico*F	45-25	
N. 5 San Diego State*F	38-21	
N.12 Air Force F	24-13	
N.19 Utah F	21-18	
D. 3 Miami U		

Coach: LaVell Edwards • Colors: Royal Blue & White
 Nickname: Cougars • 1987 Record: W-9, L-4

BROWN Providence, RI		
S.17 Yale*U	17-7	
S.24 Rhode Island F	17-15	
O. 1 Princeton U	13-7	
O. 8 Pennsylvania*U	17-38	
O.15 Cornell U	23-15	
O.22 Holy Cross*U	0-41	
O.29 Harvard U	9-14	
N. 5 Maine*U		
N.12 Dartmouth*F	19-0	
N.19 Columbia U	19-16	

Coach: John Rosenberg
 Colors: Brown, Cardinal & White
 Nickname: Bruins, Bears • 1987 Record: W-7, L-3

BUCKNELL Lewisburg, PA		
S.10 Villanova*F		
S.17 Colgate*U	28-31	
S.24 Pennsylvania U	32-24	
O. 1 Army U		
O. 8 Lafayette*U	21-42	
O.15 Princeton*U		
O.22 Columbia U	62-20	
O.29 Davidson*F	34-3	
N. 5 Lehigh U	21-21	
N.12 Holy Cross U	10-48	

Coach: George Landis • Colors: Orange & Blue
 Nickname: Bison • 1987 Record: W-4, L-5, T-1

CAL-DAVIS Davis, CA		
S.10 Santa Clara*F	21-15	
S.17 Nevada-Reno*U	17-34	
S.24 Sacramento State*F	28-10	
O. 1 San Francisco State F	31-0	
O. 8 Hayward State F	23-14	
O.15 Sonoma State*F	25-14	
O.22 Northridge State*F	28-0	
O.29 Cal Poly SLO*U	0-41	
N. 5 Humboldt State*F	41-13	
N.12 Chico State*F	24-22	

Coach: Jim Sochor • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Cal Aggies • 1987 Record: W-8, L-2

CALIFORNIA Berkeley, CA		
S.10 Pacific*F	42-0	
S.17 Oregon State*F		
S.24 Kansas*F		
O. 1 San Jose State*F	25-27	
O. 8 Washington State F	17-17	
O.15 UCLA*U	18-42	
O.22 Temple*F		
O.29 Arizona*U	23-23	
N. 5 Southern Cal U	14-31	
N.12 Washington U		
N.19 Stanford*F	7-31	

Coach: Bruce Snyder • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Bears
 1987 Record: W-3, L-6, T-2

CAL LUTHERAN Thousand Oaks, CA		
S.10 Sonoma State*F		
S.17 Hayward State*F	19-6	
S.24 St. Mary's U	13-3	
O. 1 UC-Santa Barbara*F	15-16	
O. 8 Northridge State*U	14-36	
O.15 Cal Poly SLO*U	23-51	
O.22 Santa Clara*U	11-29	
O.29 Southern Utah State U	18-23	
N. 5 Portland State*U	7-40	
N.12 Sacramento State*U	23-7	

Coach: Bob Shoup • Colors: Violet & Gold
 Nickname: Kingsmen • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

CAL POLY San Luis Obispo, CA

S.10 Cameron (OK)+F	
S.17 Portland State+U	7-31
S.24 Angelo State+U	
O. 1 Northridge State+U	21-20
O. 8 Sacramento State+U	13-21
O. 15 Cal Lutheran+U	51-23
O. 22 Hayward State+U	40-14
O. 29 UC-Davis F	41-0
N. 5 Southern Utah State+U	7-10
N.12 Santa Clara F	33-31

Coach: Lyle Selenich • Colors: Green & Gold
 Nickname: Mustangs • 1987 Record: W-7, L-3

CAMERON Lawton, OK

S.10 Cal Poly SLO+U	
S.17 Fort Hays State+U	37-12
O. 1 Texas A&I+U	20-39
O. 8 West Texas State+U	
O. 15 Eastern New Mexico+U	
O. 22 Abilene Christian+U	18-3
O. 29 Angelo State F	
N. 5 Central State F	31-3
N.12 East Texas State+U	

Coach: Brian Naber • Colors: Black & Gold
 Nickname: Aggies • 1987 Record: W-12, L-1

CENTRAL MICHIGAN Mt. Pleasant, MI

S. 3 Kentucky U	
S.17 Akron F	
S.24 Montana State+U	
O. 1 Kent State+U	21-24
O. 8 Eastern Michigan+U	16-6
O. 15 Bowling Green+U	17-18
O. 22 Ball State+U	3-13
O. 29 Western Michigan F	30-27
N. 5 Ohio University+U	31-17
N.12 Toledo F	17-17
N.19 Miami (OH) F	6-15

Coach: Herb Deromedi • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Chippewas • 1987 Record: W-5, L-5, T-1

CENTRAL STATE Edmond, OK

S.10 SE Oklahoma State+U	28-24
S.24 Mesa College+U	
O. 1 East Texas State+U	22-43
O. 8 Abilene Christian+U	14-38
O. 15 Texas A&I+U	15-21
O. 22 Angelo State U	10-17
O. 29 West Texas State+U	8-25
N. 5 Cameron+U	13-31
N.12 Eastern New Mexico U	35-41

Coach: Gary Howard • Colors: Bronze & Blue
 Nickname: Bronchos • 1987 Record: W-2, L-8

CHICO STATE Chico, CA

S. 3 Santa Clara+U	17-38
S.10 Sacramento State+U	9-14
S.17 Santa Barbara	
S.24 Emporia State+U	
O. 1 St. Mary's+U	16-17
O. 8 Humboldt State	13-15
O. 22 San Francisco State	26-7
O. 29 Hayward State+U	13-9
N. 5 Sonoma State+U	22-18
N.12 Cal-Davis	22-24

Coach: Mike Bellotti • Colors: Cardinal & White
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1987 Record: W-4, L-6

CINCINNATI Cincinnati, OH

S.10 Boston College U	
S.17 Austin Peay+U	42-10
S.24 Miami (OH) F	31-26
O. 1 Rutgers U	7-10
O. 8 Penn State U	0-41
O. 15 Virginia Tech+U	20-21
O. 22 Miami U	10-48
O. 29 Louisville+U	25-0
N. 5 West Virginia U	17-45
N.12 Indiana State+U	10-40
N.19 East Carolina+U	28-56

Coach: Dave Currey • Colors: Red & Black
 Nickname: Bearcats • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

CITADEL Charleston, SC

S. 3 Appalachian State U	17-27
S.10 Presbyterian+U	27-12
S.17 Duke+U	
S.24 Navy+U	
O. 1 Western Carolina+U	38-24
O. 15 UT-Chattanooga+U	19-22
O. 22 Boston University+U	34-7
O. 29 East Tenn. State+U	21-24
N. 5 Marshall U	
N.12 VMI+U	3-7
N.19 Furman U	13-58
@ At Norfolk, VA	

Coach: Charlie Taaff • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

CLEMSON Clemson, SC

S. 3 Virginia Tech+U	22-10
S.10 Furman+U	
S.17 Florida State+U	
S.24 Georgia Tech F	33-12
O. 8 Virginia F	38-21
O. 15 Duke+U	17-10
O. 22 N.C. State F	28-30
O. 29 Wake Forest F	31-17
N. 5 North Carolina+U	13-10
N.12 Maryland F	45-16
N.19 South Carolina+U	7-20

Coach: Danny Ford • Colors: Orange & Purple
 Nickname: Tigers • 1987 Record: W-10, L-2

COLGATE Hamilton, NY

S.10 New Hampshire+U	
S.17 Bucknell F	31-28
S.24 Cornell F	27-3
O. 1 Lafayette+U	35-14
O. 8 Lehigh U	6-7
O. 15 Pennsylvania F	
O. 22 Davidson+U	
O. 29 Holy Cross+U	7-49
N. 5 Princeton+U	39-15
N.12 William & Mary F	19-7
N.19 Rutgers U	

Coach: Mike Foley • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Red Raiders • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

COLORADO Boulder, CO

S.10 Fresno State+U	
S.17 Iowa U	
S.24 Oregon State+U	
O. 1 Colorado State F	29-16
O. 8 Oklahoma State+U	17-42
O. 15 Kansas F	35-10
O. 22 Oklahoma+U	6-24
O. 29 Iowa State+U	42-10
N. 5 Missouri F	27-10
N.12 Nebraska U	7-24
N.19 Kansas State+U	41-0

Coach: Bill McCartney • Colors: Silver, Gold & Black
 Nickname: Buffaloes • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

COLORADO STATE Fort Collins, CO

S. 3 Air Force+U	19-27
S.10 Hawaii+U	38-39
S.17 Arizona State+U	
O. 1 Colorado+U	16-29
O. 8 Brigham Young U	26-30
O. 15 Texas-El Paso+U	6-45
O. 22 San Diego State+U	12-26
O. 29 Wyoming+U	15-20
N. 5 Utah U	23-24
N.12 New Mexico F	35-13
N.26 Tulsa F	

Coach: Leon Fuller • Colors: Green & Gold
 Nickname: Rams • 1987 Record: W-1, L-11

COLUMBIA New York, NY

S.17 Harvard U	0-35
S.24 Lafayette+U	7-38
O. 1 Pennsylvania U	0-23
O. 8 Princeton+U	8-38
O. 15 Yale U	13-27
O. 22 Bucknell+U	20-62
O. 29 Lehigh U	10-26
N. 5 Dartmouth F	10-12
N.12 Cornell+U	20-31
N.19 Brown+U	16-19

Coach: Larry McElmavy
 Colors: Columbia Blue & White
 Nickname: Lions • 1987 Record: W-0, L-10

CONNECTICUT Storrs, CT

S.10 Richmond+U	21-14
S.17 New Hampshire F	31-21
S.24 Yale F	27-30
O. 1 Northeastern F	12-20
O. 8 Villanova+U	34-23
O. 15 Massachusetts F	21-17
O. 22 Maine+U	28-32
O. 29 Southern Connecticut+U	38-21
N. 5 Delaware F	20-19
N.12 Boston University F	7-31
N.19 Rhode Island+U	52-7

Coach: Tom Jackson • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Huskies • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

CORNELL Ithaca, NY

S.17 Princeton+U	6-23
S.24 Colgate+U	3-27
O. 1 Lehigh U	
O. 8 Harvard U	29-17
O. 15 Brown+U	15-23
O. 22 Dartmouth F	21-14
O. 29 Lafayette U	17-12
N. 5 Yale+U	9-28
N.12 Columbia F	31-20
N.19 Pennsylvania F	17-13

Coach: Maxie Baughan • Colors: Camelian & White
 Nickname: Big Red • 1987 Record: W-5, L-5

DARTMOUTH Hanover, NH

S.17 Pennsylvania+U	7-49
S.24 Lehigh+U	
O. 1 Davidson F	38-7
O. 8 Holy Cross U	23-62
O. 15 Harvard+U	3-42
O. 22 Cornell+U	14-21
O. 29 Yale U	7-17
N. 5 Columbia+U	12-10
N.12 Brown U	0-19
N.19 Princeton U	3-34

Coach: Buddy Teevens • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Big Green • 1987 Record: W-2, L-8

DAVIDSON Davidson, NC

S. 3 Presbyterian U	7-24
S.10 Lehigh+U	0-47
S.24 Fordham F	
O. 1 Dartmouth+U	7-38
O. 8 Wolford+U	10-0
O. 15 Guilford F	
O. 22 Colgate U	
O. 29 Bucknell U	3-34
N.12 Lafayette+U	10-38

Coach: Vic Gatto • Colors: Red & Black
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1987 Record: W-1, L-10

DAYTON Dayton, OH

S.10 Wittenberg+U	
S.17 Georgetown (KY)+U	
S.24 Butler+U	10-15
O. 1 Drake F	28-6
O. 8 Catholic+U	
O. 15 Mercyhurst F	24-14
O. 22 Ferris State+U	
O. 29 Wisconsin-Stout+U	
N. 5 Valparaiso+U	
N.12 Evansville F	

Coach: Mike Kelly • Colors: Red & Blue
 Nickname: Flyers • 1987 Record: W-11, L-3

DELAWARE Newark, DE

S.10 Navy U	22-31
S.17 Rhode Island+U	13-26
S.24 Richmond U	21-28
O. 1 New Hampshire U	21-45
O. 8 William & Mary+U	38-14
O. 15 Villanova U	
O. 22 Massachusetts+U	37-34
O. 29 Maine U	56-59
N. 5 Connecticut+U	19-20
N.12 West Chester+U	28-21
N.19 Boston University+U	17-10

Coach: Harold Raymond • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Fightin' Blue Hens •
 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

DELAWARE STATE Dover, DE

S. 3 Florida A&M+U	
S.10 Eastern Kentucky+U	
S.24 Towson State+U	40-17
O. 1 Bethune-Cookman+U	45-0
O. 15 Arkansas-Pine Bluff+U	20-22
O. 22 Morgan State F	30-7
O. 29 South Carolina State+U	28-7
N. 5 North Carolina A&T F	41-9
N.12 Western Illinois+U	
N.19 Howard University U	7-12

Coach: Bill Collick • Colors: Columbia Blue & Red
 Nickname: Hornets • 1987 Record: W-7, L-3

DUKE Durham, NC

S. 3 Northwestern T	31-16
S.10 Tennessee+U	
S.17 The Citadel+U	
S.24 Virginia+U	17-42
O. 1 Vanderbilt+U	35-31
O. 15 Clemson U	10-17
O. 22 Maryland+U	22-23
O. 29 Georgia Tech F	48-14
N. 5 Wake Forest+U	27-30
N.12 North Carolina State F	45-47
N.19 North Carolina+U	25-10

Coach: Steve Spurrier • Colors: Royal Blue & White
 Nickname: Blue Devils • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

EAST CAROLINA Greenville, NC

S. 3 Tennessee Tech+U	
S.10 Virginia Tech F	32-23
S.17 South Carolina U	12-34
S.24 Southern Mississippi+U	34-38
O. 1 SW Louisiana+U	
O. 8 West Virginia+U	0-49
O. 15 Florida State U	3-44
O. 22 Syracuse+U	
O. 29 Miami+U	3-41
N. 5 Temple U	31-26
N.19 Cincinnati F	56-28

Coach: Art Baker • Color: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Pirates • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

EAST TENNESSEE STATE

Johnson City, TN	
S. 3 VMI+U	13-20
S.10 Wofford College+U	10-6
S.17 Western Carolina+U	20-37
S.24 Central Florida+U	
O. 1 UT-Chattanooga F	34-14
O. 8 North Carolina State+U	29-14
O. 15 Marshall+U	7-27
O. 22 Appalachian State F	9-28
O. 29 The Citadel F	24-21
N.12 Furman+U	13-24

Coach: Don Riley • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Buccaneers • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

EAST TEXAS STATE Commerce, TX

S. 3 Livingston F	0-8
S.10 East Central (OK)+U	20-51
S.17 Southern Arkansas+U	17-21
S.24 NW Louisiana+U	
O. 1 Central State (OK) F	43-22
O. 8 Texas A&I+U	6-42
O. 15 West Texas State U	14-35
O. 22 Eastern New Mexico+U	12-34
O. 29 Abilene Christian U	10-38
N. 5 Angelo State+U	8-49
N.12 Cameron U	

Coach: Eddie Vowell • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Lions • 1987 Record: W-2, L-9

EASTERN ILLINOIS Charleston, IL

S. 3 Illinois State+U	15-9
S.10 Austin Peay+U	
S.17 Liberty+U	17-14
S.24 Youngstown State+U	
O. 1 Indiana State U	20-14
O. 8 Southern Illinois+U	27-32
O. 15 Western Illinois U	12-21
O. 22 Northern Iowa+U	17-19
O. 29 SW Missouri U	7-3
N. 5 Western Kentucky+U	15-30
N.12 Boise State U	

Coach: Bob Spoo • Colors: Blue & Gray
 Nickname: Panthers • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

EASTERN KENTUCKY Richmond, KY

S. 10 Delaware State + *F	
S. 17 Marshall *U	37-34
S. 24 Western Kentucky *F	20-10
O. 1 Tennessee State + *F	
O. 8 Austin Peay *F	50-7
O. 15 Tennessee Tech + F	44-8
O. 22 Western Carolina F	
O. 29 Murray State F	29-21
N. 5 Middle Tennessee + *F	16-17
N. 12 Central Florida + F	23-16
N. 19 Morehead State + F	23-0

Coach: Roy Kidd • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Colonels • 1987 Record: W-9, L-3

EASTERN MICHIGAN Ypsilanti, MI

S. 3 Miami (OH) + *F	33-17
S. 10 Youngstown State F	35-20
S. 17 Kent State + *U	23-21
S. 24 Arizona *U	
O. 8 Central Michigan + *F	6-16
O. 15 Ball State F	35-28
O. 22 Western Michigan + *F	23-17
O. 29 Ohio F	34-16
N. 5 Toledo + *F	38-9
N. 12 Bowling Green F	38-18

Coach: Jim Harkema • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Hurons • 1987 Record: W-10, L-2

EASTERN WASHINGTON Cheney, WA

S. 3 Portland State + *U	
S. 10 Northern Arizona *U	24-41
S. 17 Montana State + F	32-30
S. 24 Boise State + *U	13-38
O. 1 North Texas State *U	
O. 8 Montana *U	3-22
O. 15 Idaho + *U	24-31
O. 22 Stephen F. Austin *U	3-0
O. 29 Idaho State *F	44-14
N. 5 Weber State + *U	23-46
N. 12 Nevada-Reno *U	26-40

Coach: Dick Zornes • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Eagles • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

FLORIDA Gainesville, FL

S. 3 Montana State + F	
S. 10 Mississippi *F	
S. 17 Indiana State + F	
S. 24 Mississippi State + F	38-3
O. 1 Louisiana State + F	10-13
O. 8 Memphis State + F	
O. 15 Vanderbilt *F	
O. 29 Auburn + *U	6-29
N. 5 Georgia *U	10-23
N. 12 Kentucky F	27-14
N. 26 Florida State *U	14-28

(A) At Jacksonville, FL

Coach: Galen Hall • Colors: Orange & Blue
 Nickname: Gators • 1987 Record: W-6, L-6

FLORIDA A&M Tallahassee, FL

S. 3 Delaware State *U	
S. 10 Georgia Southern (A) *U	17-14
S. 24 Tennessee State *U	16-21
O. 1 Jackson State *U	
O. 8 North Carolina A&T *F	
O. 15 Morgan State + *F	
O. 22 South Carolina State + *F	10-20
O. 29 Southern *U	24-17
N. 5 Howard + *U	
N. 19 Central State (OH) + F	10-10
N. 26 Bethune-Cookman *F	21-10

(A) At Jacksonville, FL (A) At Indianapolis, IN
 # At Miami, FL (A) At Tampa, FL

FLORIDA STATE Tallahassee, FL

S. 3 Miami *F	25-26
S. 10 Southern Mississippi + *F	61-10
S. 17 Clemson F	
S. 24 Michigan State + *F	31-3
O. 1 Tulane *F	73-14
O. 8 Georgia Southern + F	
O. 15 East Carolina + F	44-3
O. 22 Louisiana Tech + F	
N. 5 South Carolina F	
N. 12 Virginia Tech + F	
N. 26 Florida + F	28-14

Coach: Bobby Bowden • Colors: Garnet & Gold
 Nickname: Seminoles • 1987 Record: W-11, L-1

FRESNO STATE Fresno, CA

S. 3 New Mexico *F	
S. 10 Colorado *U	
S. 17 New Mexico State + *F	34-10
S. 24 McNeese State + *F	
O. 1 Oregon State F	
O. 8 Fullerton State F	21-17
O. 15 Utah State + *U	13-17
O. 29 San Jose State F	16-20
N. 5 Pacific + *F	22-23
N. 12 Nevada-Las Vegas F	45-10
N. 19 Long Beach State + *F	30-7

Coach: Jim Sweeney • Colors: Cardinal & Blue
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

FULLERTON, CAL STATE Fullerton, CA

S. 3 SW Louisiana *U	
S. 10 West Virginia *U	
S. 17 Nevada-Las Vegas F	28-14
S. 24 Pacific + F	14-22
O. 1 Wyoming *U	
O. 8 Fresno State + *U	17-21
O. 15 Long Beach State *F	31-12
O. 22 New Mexico State *F	48-14
O. 29 Akron *U	
N. 12 San Jose State + *U	19-46
N. 19 Utah State + *U	30-11

Coach: Gene Murphy • Colors: Blue, Orange & White
 Nickname: Titans • 1987 Record: W-6, L-6

FURMAN Greenville, SC

S. 3 South Carolina State + F	25-7
S. 10 Clemson *U	
S. 17 Presbyterian + F	23-3
S. 24 Newberry + F	
O. 1 Va. Military + F	38-0
O. 8 Marshall *U	42-36
O. 15 Appalachian State F	8-16
O. 29 Western Carolina + *U	14-20
N. 5 UT-Chattanooga F	14-16
N. 12 East Tenn. State *U	24-13
N. 19 The Citadel + F	58-13

Coach: Jimmy Satterfield • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Paladins • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

GEORGIA Athens, GA

S. 3 Tennessee + F	
S. 10 Texas Christian + F	
S. 17 Mississippi State *F	
S. 24 South Carolina *U	13-6
O. 1 Mississippi + F	31-14
O. 8 Vanderbilt + F	52-24
O. 22 Kentucky *F	17-14
O. 29 William & Mary + F	
N. 5 Florida (A) F	23-10
N. 12 Auburn *U	11-27
N. 26 Georgia Tech + F	30-16

Coach: Vince Dooley • Colors: Red & Black
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1987 Record: W-9, L-3

GEORGIA SOUTHERN Statesboro, GA

S. 3 Newberry + F	
S. 10 Florida A&M (A) *F	14-17
S. 17 UT-Chattanooga *F	
S. 24 Middle Tenn. State *F	17-13
O. 8 Florida State *U	
O. 15 NE Louisiana + *U	17-26
O. 22 Bethune-Cookman + F	14-13
O. 29 Central Florida *F	34-32
N. 5 James Madison F	26-7
N. 12 Samford + F	
N. 19 South Carolina State + F	30-13

Coach: Erskine Russell • Colors: Royal Blue & White
 Nickname: Eagles • 1987 Record: W-9, L-4

GEORGIA TECH Atlanta, GA

S. 10 UT - Chattanooga + F	
S. 17 Virginia *U	14-23
S. 24 Clemson + *U	12-33
O. 1 North Carolina State + *U	0-17
O. 8 Maryland F	
O. 15 South Carolina + *U	
O. 22 North Carolina *U	23-30
O. 29 Duke + *U	14-48
N. 5 VMI + F	
N. 12 Wake Forest *U	6-33
N. 26 Georgia *U	16-30

Coach: Bobby Ross • Colors: Old Gold & White
 Nickname: Yellow Jackets • 1987 Record: W-2, L-9

GRAMBLING Grambling, LA

A. 27 Howard (A) *U	
S. 3 Alcorn State (A) *U	24-28
S. 24 Bethune-Cookman *F	21-14
O. 1 Prairie View *F	28-7
O. 8 Tennessee State + *F	51-9
O. 15 Mississippi Valley State F	45-14
O. 22 Jackson State + *U	17-31
O. 29 Texas Southern *F	30-9
N. 5 Alabama State + F	7-17
N. 12 South Carolina State *U	13-15
N. 26 Southern *U	21-27

(A) At Bronx, NY (A) At Jacksonville, FL

Coach: Eddie Robinson • Colors: Black & Gold
 Nickname: Tigers • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

HARVARD Cambridge, MA

S. 17 Columbia + F	35-0
S. 24 Massachusetts + F	
O. 1 Holy Cross *U	6-41
O. 8 Cornell + F	17-29
O. 15 Dartmouth *U	42-3
O. 22 Princeton *U	24-19
O. 29 Brown + F	14-9
N. 5 Boston University + F	
N. 12 Pennsylvania F	31-14
N. 19 Yale + F	14-10

Coach: Joe Restic • Colors: Crimson
 Nickname: Crimson • 1987 Record: W-8, L-2

HAWAII Honolulu, HI

S. 3 Iowa + *U	
S. 10 Colorado State *U	39-38
S. 17 San Jose State + *U	
S. 24 Utah *U	25-14
O. 8 Texas-El Paso + *U	13-37
O. 15 San Diego State *U	21-29
O. 22 Brigham Young + *U	14-16
O. 29 Long Beach State + *F	
N. 5 New Mexico + *F	41-31
N. 19 Wyoming + *U	20-24
N. 26 Air Force + *U	31-34
D. 3 Oregon + *U	

Coach: Bob Wagner • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Rainbows • 1987 Record: W-5, L-7

HAYWARD, CAL ST. Hayward, CA

S. 3 Northridge State *U	27-38
S. 10 U.C. Santa Barbara + F	
S. 17 Cal Lutheran + *U	6-19
S. 24 Santa Clara + *U	7-27
O. 1 Sonoma State *U	6-24
O. 8 UC Davis + *U	14-23
O. 15 St. Mary's + F	14-16
O. 22 Cal Poly SLO *U	14-40
O. 29 Chico State *U	9-13
N. 5 San Francisco State + F	28-17
N. 12 Humboldt State *U	21-20

Coach: Tim Tierney • Colors: Red, Black & White
 Nickname: Pioneers • 1987 Record: W-2, L-8

HOLY CROSS Worcester, MA

S. 3 Rhode Island + F	
S. 10 Army F	34-24
S. 17 Lafayette F	40-11
S. 24 Princeton F	
O. 1 Harvard + F	41-6
O. 8 Dartmouth + F	62-23
O. 15 Lehigh + F	63-6
O. 22 Brown F	41-0
O. 29 Colgate F	49-7
N. 12 Bucknell + F	48-10
N. 19 Northeastern + F	

Coach: Mark Duffner • Colors: Royal Purple
 Nickname: Crusaders • 1987 Record: W-11, L-0

HOUSTON Houston, TX

S. 10 Louisiana Tech (A) *F	
S. 17 Missouri F	
O. 1 Baylor *U	18-30
O. 8 Texas A&M + *U	17-22
O. 15 Tulsa + F	
O. 22 Arkansas + *U	17-21
O. 29 Texas Christian + *U	7-35
N. 5 Texas *U	60-40
N. 12 Wyoming + *U	35-37
N. 19 Texas Tech *U	10-10
N. 26 Rice + *F	45-21

(A) At Shreveport, LA
 Coach: Jack Pardee • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Cougars • 1987 Record: W-4, L-6, T-1

HOWARD Washington, DC

A. 27 Grambling (A) *F	
S. 3 Morehouse College F	54-6
S. 17 Bethune-Cookman + F	58-51
S. 24 South Carolina State F	31-22
O. 8 Towson State + F	14-30
O. 15 Virginia State F	56-14
O. 22 North Carolina A&T + F	34-21
O. 29 U.D.C. + F	
N. 5 Florida A&M F	
N. 12 Morgan State + F	62-0
N. 19 Delaware State + F	12-7

(A) At Bronx, NY

Coach: Willie Jeffries • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Bison • 1987 Record: W-9, L-1

HUMBOLDT STATE Arcata, CA

S. 10 St. Mary's *U	28-30
S. 17 Sacramento State *U	13-21
S. 24 Whittier *F	
O. 1 Azusa Pacific + *F	24-14
O. 8 Chico State + F	15-13
O. 15 UC Santa Barbara + *F	
O. 22 Sonoma State *U	49-7
O. 29 San Francisco State F	13-13
N. 5 UC Davis + *U	13-41
N. 12 Cal State Hayward + *F	20-21

Coach: Mike Doty • Colors: Green & Gold
 Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1987 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

IDAHO Moscow, ID

S. 10 Portland State + *F	17-10
S. 17 Pacific *F	
S. 24 Montana F	31-25
O. 1 Northern Arizona + F	46-37
O. 8 Montana State + *F	14-7
O. 15 Eastern Washington F	31-24
O. 22 Weber State + *F	41-38
N. 5 Nevada-Reno F	38-28
N. 12 Idaho State + *F	21-30
N. 19 Boise State F	40-34

Coach: Keith Gilbertson • Colors: Silver & Gold
 Nickname: Vandals • 1987 Record: W-9, L-3

IDAHO STATE Pocatello, ID

S. 10 Utah *U	16-51
S. 17 Montana + *U	0-63
S. 24 Northridge State + *F	
O. 1 Montana State F	52-33
O. 8 Weber State *U	37-53
O. 15 Oregon *U	
O. 22 Northern Arizona *U	23-32
O. 29 Eastern Washington + *U	14-44
N. 5 Boise State + *U	35-32
N. 12 Idaho *U	30-21
N. 19 Nevada-Reno + *U	19-40

Coach: Garth Hall • Colors: Orange & Black
 Nickname: Bengals • 1987 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

ILLINOIS Champaign, IL

S. 3 Washington State + *U	
S. 10 Arizona State *U	7-21
S. 17 Utah + F	
O. 1 Ohio State *U	6-10
O. 8 Purdue + *U	3-9
O. 15 Wisconsin *U	16-14
O. 22 Michigan State + *U	14-14
O. 29 Minnesota *U	27-17
N. 5 Indiana + *U	22-34
N. 12 Michigan *U	14-17
N. 19 Northwestern + F	10-28

Coach: John Mackovic • Colors: Orange & Blue
 Nickname: Fighting Illini • 1987 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

ILLINOIS STATE Normal, IL

S. 3 Eastern Illinois + *U	9-15
S. 10 Wake Forest *U	
S. 17 Western Illinois *U	20-6
S. 24 Southern Illinois + *U	7-38
O. 1 Missouri-Rolla + F	
O. 8 Western Kentucky *U	
O. 15 Northern Iowa + *U	17-48
O. 22 Indiana State *U	3-10
O. 29 Western Illinois *U	22-31
N. 5 Arkansas State *U	
N. 12 SW Missouri State + *U	15-31

Coach: Jim Heacock • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Redbirds • 1987 Record: W-3, L-7

INDIANA Bloomington, IN

S.10 Rice*F	35-13
S.17 Kentucky*F	15-34
S.24 Missouri F	20-17
O. 1 Northwestern F	35-18
O. 8 Ohio State+U	31-10
O.15 Minnesota+U	18-17
O.22 Michigan U	14-10
O.29 Iowa+U	21-29
N. 5 Illinois F	34-22
N.12 Michigan State+U	3-27
N.19 Purdue F	35-14

Coach: Bill Mallory • Colors: Cream & Crimson
 Nickname: Fightin' Hoosiers • 1987 Record: W-8, L-4

INDIANA STATE Terre Haute, IN

S.10 Salem*F	55-0
S.17 Florida U	
S.24 Western Illinois*U	12-42
O. 1 Eastern Illinois*F	14-20
O. 8 SW Missouri State*U	0-42
O.15 Southern Illinois F	24-15
O.22 Illinois State+U	10-3
O.29 Northern Iowa*U	14-38
N. 5 Youngstown State U	
N.12 Cincinnati*U	40-16
N.17 Ball State*U	24-23

(A) At Indianapolis, IN

Coach: Dennis Raetz • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Sycamores • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

IOWA Iowa City, IA

S. 3 Hawaii*F	
S.10 Kansas State F	38-13
S.17 Colorado*F	
S.24 Iowa State+U	49-9
O. 1 Michigan State U	14-19
O. 8 Wisconsin+U	31-10
O.15 Michigan+U	10-37
O.22 Purdue F	38-14
O.29 Indiana F	29-21
N. 5 Northwestern+U	52-24
N.12 Ohio State*F	29-27
N.19 Minnesota*F	34-20

Coach: Hayden Fry • Colors: Black & Gold
 Nickname: Hawkeyes • 1987 Record: W-10, L-3

IOWA STATE Ames, IA

S.10 Tulane+U	12-25
S.17 Baylor+U	
S.24 Iowa U	9-48
O. 1 Oklahoma U	3-56
O. 8 Northern Iowa+U	39-38
O.15 Missouri U	17-42
O.22 Kansas+U	42-28
O.29 Colorado U	10-42
N. 5 Nebraska+U	3-42
N.12 Kansas State F	16-14
N.19 Oklahoma State+U	27-48

Coach: Jim Walden • Colors: Cardinal & Gold
 Nickname: Cyclones • 1987 Record: W-3, L-8

JACKSON STATE Jackson, MS

S.10 Tennessee State*F	17-17
S.17 Prairie View*F	16-12
S.24 Miss. Valley State*F	46-0
O. 1 Florida A&M*F	
O. 8 Alabama State*F	41-17
O.15 Southern*F	14-0
O.22 Grambling*F	31-17
N. 5 Texas Southern*F	33-14
N.12 NW Louisiana*U	24-26
N.19 Alcorn U	19-10

Coach: W.C. Gordon • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Tigers • 1987 Record: W-8, L-3, T-1

JAMES MADISON Harrisonburg, VA

S. 3 Navy T	
S.10 Appalachian State+U	10-17
S.17 Boston University F	
S.24 William & Mary+U	28-22
O. 1 Liberty+U	
O.15 Northeastern F	13-3
O.22 Va. Military+U	20-17
O.29 Towson State F	21-19
N. 5 Georgia Southern+U	7-26
N.12 Richmond F	41-3
N.19 Virginia Tech F	

Coach: Joe Purzycki • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Dukes • 1987 Record: W-9, L-3

KANSAS Lawrence, KS

S.10 Baylor+U	
S.17 Auburn*U	0-49
S.24 California U	
O. 1 New Mexico State+U	
O. 8 Nebraska+U	2-54
O.15 Colorado+U	10-35
O.22 Iowa State U	28-42
O.29 Oklahoma U	10-71
N. 5 Kansas State+U	17-17
N.12 Oklahoma State U	17-49
N.19 Missouri+U	7-19

Coach: Glen Mason • Colors: Crimson & Blue
 Nickname: Jayhawks • 1987 Record: W-1, L-9, T-1

KANSAS STATE Manhattan, KS

S. 3 Tulsa*U	25-37
S.10 Iowa+U	13-38
S.17 Tulane*U	
O. 1 Louisiana Tech*U	
O. 8 Missouri+U	10-34
O.15 Oklahoma U	10-59
O.22 Nebraska+U	3-56
O.29 Oklahoma State+U	7-56
N. 5 Kansas F	17-17
N.12 Iowa State+U	14-16
N.19 Colorado U	0-41

Coach: Stan Parrish • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1987 Record: W-0, L-10, T-1

KENT STATE Kent, OH

S. 3 Youngstown State+U	
S.10 Akron+U	27-23
S.17 Eastern Michigan*F	21-23
S.24 Kentucky U	
O. 1 Central Michigan F	24-21
O. 8 Ball State+U	23-24
O.15 Western Michigan F	27-13
O.22 Ohio+U	24-10
O.29 Toledo*F	17-13
N. 5 Bowling Green+U	20-30
N.12 Miami (OH) F	14-10

Coach: Dick Crum • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Flashes • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

KENTUCKY Lexington, KY

S. 3 Central Michigan+U	
S.10 Auburn*U	
S.17 Indiana U	34-15
S.24 Kent State+U	
O. 1 Alabama+U	
O.15 Louisiana State*U	9-34
O.22 Georgia+U	14-17
O.29 Southern Illinois*F	
N. 5 Vanderbilt+U	29-38
N.12 Florida+U	14-27
N.19 Tennessee U	22-24

Coach: Jerry Claiborne • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

LAFAYETTE Easton, PA

S.10 Kutztown+U	29-17
S.17 Holy Cross+U	11-40
S.24 Columbia U	38-7
O. 1 Colgate F	14-35
O. 8 Bucknell F	42-21
O.15 Army U	37-49
O.22 Mercyhurst+U	
O.29 Cornell+U	12-17
N. 5 Pennsylvania+U	14-23
N.12 Davidson F	38-10
N.19 Lehigh+U	10-17

Coach: Bill Russo • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Leopards • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

LAMAR Beaumont, TX

S. 3 West Texas State*F	
S.10 Southwest Texas State+U	19-27
S.17 Stephen F. Austin*U	28-26
O. 1 Arizona State*U	
O. 8 Sam Houston State*U	21-34
O.15 Alcorn State+U	
O.22 Arkansas State*U	20-34
O.29 Northeast Louisiana*U	48-28
N. 5 Mississippi College+U	
N.12 Texas Tech U	14-43
N.19 McNeese State F	36-44

Coach: Ray Albom • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Cardinals • 1987 Record: W-3, L-8

LEHIGH Bethlehem, PA

S.10 Davidson F	47-0
S.17 William & Mary U	27-28
S.24 Dartmouth F	
O. 1 Cornell+U	
O. 8 Colgate+U	7-6
O.15 Holy Cross U	6-63
O.22 Towson State+U	
O.29 Columbia+U	26-10
N. 5 Bucknell+U	21-21
N.12 Northeastern U	
N.19 Lafayette F	17-10

Coach: Hank Small • Colors: Brown & White
 Nickname: The Brown & White • 1987 Record: W-5, L-5, T-1

LONG BEACH STATE Long Beach, CA

S. 3 Boise State+U	
S.10 Oregon U	
S.17 UCLA U	
O. 1 Pacific+U	9-6
O. 8 Utah State+U	14-17
O.15 Fullerton State+U	12-31
O.22 Akron*U	
O.29 Hawaii*U	
N. 5 San Jose State U	16-44
N.12 New Mexico State F	33-6
N.19 Fresno State*U	7-30
N.26 Nevada-Las Vegas+U	17-30

Coach: Larry Reisbig • Colors: Brown & Gold
 Nickname: Forty-Niners • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

LOUISIANA STATE Baton Rouge, LA

S. 3 Texas A&M*U	17-3
S.17 Tennessee*F	
S.24 Ohio State F	13-13
O. 1 Florida F	13-10
O. 8 Auburn+U	
O.15 Kentucky+U	34-9
O.29 Mississippi+U	42-13
N. 5 Alabama U	10-22
N.12 Mississippi State F	34-14
N.19 Miami+U	
N.26 Tulane+U	41-36

Coach: Mike Archer • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Fighting Tigers • 1987 Record: W-10, L-1, T-1

LOUISIANA TECH Ruston, LA

S. 3 Mississippi State*U	13-14
S.10 Houston*U	
S.17 Wyoming U	
S.24 Nicholls State*F	
O. 1 Kansas State*U	
O. 8 Southwestern Louisiana+U	
O.22 Florida State U	
O.29 Arkansas State*U	3-37
N. 5 Texas A&M U	3-32
N.12 Southern Mississippi*U	
N.19 Northeast Louisiana*U	7-44

% At Jackson, MS (A) At Shreveport, LA

Coach: Joe Raymond Peace • Colors: Red & Blue
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1987 Record: W-3, L-8

LOUISVILLE Louisville, KY

S. 3 Maryland U	
S.10 Wyoming+U	
S.17 Memphis State+U	8-43
S.24 North Carolina U	
O. 1 Southern Mississippi U	6-65
O. 8 Tulsa+U	22-26
O.15 Virginia+U	
O.22 Tulane U	42-40
O.29 Cincinnati*U	0-25
N. 5 Virginia Tech+U	
N.12 Western Kentucky+U	

Coach: Howard Schnellenberger • Colors: Red, White & Black • Nickname: Cardinals • 1987 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

MAINE Orono, ME

S.10 Massachusetts F	31-14
S.17 Northeastern+U	17-21
S.24 New Hampshire+U	28-14
O. 1 Richmond U	7-17
O. 8 Boston University*F	33-19
O.15 Rhode Island+U	24-20
O.22 Connecticut F	32-28
O.29 Delaware+U	59-56
N. 5 Brown F	
N.12 Towson State F	14-17
N.19 Villanova U	

Coach: Tim Murphy • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Black Bears • 1987 Record: W-8, L-4

MANKATO STATE Mankato, MN

S. 3 Texas-El Paso*	
S.10 Adams State*F	
S.17 St. Cloud State	28-3
S.24 Nebraska-Omaha*	42-10
O. 1 Northern Colorado+	28-22
O. 8 North Dakota	24-35
O.15 North Dakota State+	28-22
O.22 South Dakota	23-17
O.29 Morningside+	27-3
N. 5 Augustana (SD)	18-0
N.12 South Dakota State+	26-21

Coach: Dan Runkle • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Mavericks • 1987 Record: W-9, L-3

MARSHALL Huntington, WV

S. 3 Morehead State*F	29-0
S.10 Ohio University+U	15-23
S.17 Eastern Kentucky*F	34-37
S.24 VMI F	42-7
O. 8 Furman+U	36-42
O.15 East Tenn. State F	27-7
O.22 UT-Chattanooga+U	28-26
O.29 Appalachian State+U	10-17
N. 5 The Citadel F	
N.12 Western Carolina F	47-16
N.19 Youngstown State F	38-13

Coach: George Champ • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Thundering Herd • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

MARYLAND College Park, MD

S. 3 Louisville+U	
S.17 West Virginia U	25-20
S.24 North Carolina State+U	14-42
O. 1 Syracuse U	11-25
O. 8 Georgia Tech+U	
O.15 Wake Forest+U	14-0
O.22 Duke U	23-22
O.29 North Carolina U	14-27
N. 5 Penn State U	16-21
N.12 Clemson+U	16-45
N.19 Virginia U	21-19

Coach: Joe Krivak
 Colors: Red, White, Black & Gold
 Nickname: Terps • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

MASSACHUSETTS Amherst, MA

S.10 Maine+U	14-31
S.17 Ball State U	
S.24 Harvard U	
O. 1 Boston University+U	10-7
O. 8 Rhode Island F	42-7
O.15 Connecticut+U	17-21
O.22 Delaware U	34-37
O.29 Northeastern+U	27-7
N. 5 Richmond U	51-52
N.12 Villanova+U	27-44
N.19 New Hampshire U	10-17

Coach: Jim Reid • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Minutemen • 1987 Record: W-3, L-8

MCNEESE STATE Lake Charles, LA

S. 3 Mississippi College+U	
S.10 Northeast Louisiana+U	10-37
S.17 Toledo+U	
S.24 Fresno State*U	
O. 1 Nicholls State*U	7-29
O. 8 Northwestern State+U	3-39
O.15 North Texas State*U	16-38
O.22 Southwest Texas State U	10-26
N. 5 Sam Houston State+U	
N.12 Stephen F. Austin F	20-8
N.19 Lamar+U	44-36

Coach: Sonny Jackson • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Cowboys • 1987 Record: W-2, L-9

MEMPHIS STATE Memphis, TN

S. 3 Mississippi*F	16-10
S.10 Arkansas State+U	21-21
S.17 Louisville F	43-8
S.24 Tulane*U	45-36
O. 1 Mississippi State+U	6-9
O. 8 Florida U	
O.22 Tennessee+U	
O.29 Southern Mississippi F	14-17
N. 5 Southwestern Louisiana+U	7-31
N.12 Tulsa+U	14-0
N.19 Vanderbilt+U	17-27

(A) At Jackson, MS
 Coach: Charlie Bailey • Colors: Blue & Gray
 Nickname: Tigers • 1987 Record: W-5, L-5, T-1

MIAMI Coral Gables, FL

S. 3 Florida State+*U	26-25
S.17 Michigan F	
S.24 Wisconsin+F	
O. 1 Missouri+F	
O.15 Notre Dame F	24-0
O.22 Cincinnati+F	48-10
O.29 East Carolina F	41-3
N. 5 Tulsa+F	
N.19 Louisiana State*U	
N.26 Arkansas+F	51-7
D. 3 Brigham Young+F	

Coach: Jimmy Johnson

Colors: Orange, Green & White

Nickname: Hurricanes • 1987 Record: W-12, L-0

MIAMI Oxford, OH

S. 3 Eastern Michigan*U	17-33
S.10 Oklahoma State*U	
S.17 Minnesota*U	
S.24 Cincinnati+U	26-31
O. 1 Ball State U	30-20
O. 8 Western Michigan+F	17-0
O.15 Ohio University F	10-9
O.22 Toledo+F	25-37
O.29 Bowling Green U	17-7
N.12 Kent State+U	10-14
N.19 Central Michigan+U	15-6

Coach: Tim Rose • Colors: Red & White

Nickname: Redskins • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

MICHIGAN Ann Arbor, MI

S.10 Notre Dame*U	7-26
S.17 Miami+U	
S.24 Wake Forest+F	
O. 1 Wisconsin F	49-0
O. 8 Michigan State+F	11-17
O.15 Iowa U	37-10
O.22 Indiana+F	10-14
O.29 Northwestern F	29-6
N. 5 Minnesota+F	30-20
N.12 Illinois+F	17-14
N.19 Ohio State F	20-23

Coach: Bo Schembechler • Colors: Maize & Blue

Nickname: Wolverines • 1987 Record: W-8, L-4

MICHIGAN STATE East Lansing, MI

S.10 Rutgers+F	
S.17 Notre Dame+F	8-31
S.24 Florida State*U	3-31
O. 1 Iowa+F	19-14
O. 8 Michigan U	17-11
O.15 Northwestern+F	38-0
O.22 Illinois F	14-14
O.29 Ohio State+F	13-7
N. 5 Purdue F	45-3
N.12 Indiana F	27-3
N.19 Wisconsin+F	30-9

Coach: George Perles • Colors: Green & White

Nickname: Spartans • 1987 Record: W-9, L-2, T-1

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

Murfreesboro, TN

S. 3 Tennessee State+*F	55-19
S.10 Northern Illinois*U	
S.17 Western Kentucky*U	16-28
S.24 Georgia Southern+*U	13-17
O. 1 Alcorn State F	
O. 8 Mississippi Valley+F	38-7
O.15 Morehead State+F	3-7
O.22 Austin Peay F	38-16
N. 5 Eastern Kentucky*U	17-16
N.12 Murray State F	27-9
N.19 Tennessee Tech+F	17-13

Coach: Boots Donnelly • Colors: Blue & White

Nickname: Blue Raiders • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

MINNESOTA Minneapolis, MN

S.10 Washington State+*F	
S.17 Miami (OH)+*F	
S.24 Northern Illinois+*F	
O. 1 Purdue U	21-19
O. 8 Northwestern+*F	45-33
O.15 Indiana U	17-18
O.22 Ohio State+*U	9-42
O.29 Illinois+*U	17-27
N. 5 Michigan U	20-30
N.12 Wisconsin U	22-19
N.19 Iowa+*U	20-34

Coach: John Gutekunst • Colors: Maroon & Gold

Nickname: Golden Gophers • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

MISSISSIPPI University, MS

S. 3 Memphis State@*U	10-16
S.10 Florida@*U	
S.17 Arkansas*#U	10-31
O. 1 Georgia U	14-31
O. 8 Alabama U	
O.15 Arkansas State+F	47-10
O.22 Vanderbilt U	42-14
O.29 Louisiana State*U	13-42
N. 5 Tulane+U	24-31
N.12 Tennessee+U	13-55
N.26 Mississippi State@*U	20-30

@ Al Jackson, MS # At Little Rock, AR

Coach: Billy Brewer

Colors: Cardinal Red & Navy Blue

Nickname: Rebels • 1987 Record: W-3, L-8

MISSISSIPPI STATE Starkville, MS

S. 3 Louisiana Tech+*F	14-13
S.10 Vanderbilt*F	
S.17 Georgia+*U	
S.24 Florida U	3-38
O. 1 Memphis State*F	9-6
O.15 Southern Mississippi@*F	14-18
O.22 Auburn U	7-38
O.29 Alabama+U	18-21
N.12 Louisiana State+U	14-34
N.19 Tulane U	19-30
N.26 Mississippi@*F	30-20

@ Al Jackson, MS

Coach: Rocky Felker • Colors: Maroon & White

Nickname: Bulldogs • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY Ita Bena, MS

S. 3 Miles College+*F	
S.10 Arkansas-Pine Bluff@*F	16-7
S.17 Tennessee State*U	
S.24 Jackson State*U	0-46
O. 1 Southern*U	14-17
O. 8 Middle Tenn. State U	7-38
O.15 Grambling+U	14-45
O.22 Texas Southern*F	17-31
O.29 Prairie View+F	0-20
N. 5 Alcorn State+U	13-21
N.12 Alabama+U	0-21

% At Memphis, TN @ At Little Rock, AR

Coach: Ken Pettiford • Colors: Green & White

Nickname: Delta Devils • 1987 Record: W-1, L-10

MISSOURI Columbia, MO

S.10 Utah State+F	
S.17 Houston+U	
S.24 Indiana+U	17-20
O. 1 Miami U	
O. 8 Kansas State F	34-10
O.15 Iowa State+F	42-17
O.22 Oklahoma State U	20-24
O.29 Nebraska U	7-42
N. 5 Colorado+U	10-27
N.12 Oklahoma+U	13-17
N.19 Kansas F	19-7

Coach: Woody Widenhofer

Colors: Old Gold & Black

Nickname: Tigers • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

MONTANA Missoula, MT

S. 3 E. New Mexico+F	
S.10 South Dakota State+F	
S.17 Idaho State*F	63-0
S.24 Idaho+U	25-31
O. 1 Nevada-Reno U	41-29
O. 8 E. Washington+F	22-3
O.15 N. Arizona+U	17-24
O.22 Boise State*F	12-3
O.29 Weber State U	26-29
N. 5 Montana State+F	55-7
N.12 Portland State U	3-20

Coach: Don Read • Colors: Copper, Silver & Gold

Nickname: Grizzlies • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

MONTANA STATE Bozeman, MT

S. 3 Florida U	
S.10 Mesa+F	
S.17 Eastern Washington*U	30-32
S.24 Central Michigan U	
O. 1 Idaho State+U	33-52
O. 8 Idaho*U	7-14
O.15 Boise State+U	13-35
O.22 Nevada-Reno+U	13-31
O.29 Northern Arizona+U	21-54
N. 5 Montana U	7-55
N.12 Weber State U	32-35

Coach: Earle Solomonson • Colors: Blue & Gold

Nickname: Bobcats • 1987 Record: W-1, L-10

MOREHEAD STATE Morehead, KY

S. 3 Marshall+*U	0-29
S.10 Western Kentucky+*U	
S.17 Kentucky State*F	37-0
S.24 Liberty F	
O. 1 Samford+F	
O. 8 Murray State+U	15-53
O.15 Middle Tennessee St. U	7-3
O.22 Tennessee State+U	
O.29 Austin Peay+F	13-20
N. 5 Tennessee Tech F	14-52
N.12 Eastern Kentucky U	0-23

Coach: Bill Baldrige • Colors: Blue & Gold

Nickname: Eagles • 1987 Record: W-2, L-8

MORGAN STATE Baltimore, MD

S. 3 Virginia Union*U	3-7
S.10 Bethune-Cookman*U	22-34
S.17 Northern Iowa*U	
S.24 North Carolina A&T+U	17-35
O. 1 Bowie State F	
O. 8 South Carolina State*U	14-41
O.15 Florida A&M*U	
O.22 Delaware State+U	7-30
O.29 Norfolk State U	
N. 5 Elizabeth City State+F	14-21
N.12 Howard U	0-62

Coach: Ed Wyche • Colors: Blue & Orange

Nickname: Bears • 1987 Record: W-1, L-9

MORNINGSIDE Sioux City, IA

S. 3 Northwestern Iowa*	29-13
S.10 SW Minnesota	
S.17 Northern Colorado+*	26-24
S.24 North Dakota	16-15
O. 1 North Dakota State+*	0-33
O. 8 South Dakota*	7-16
O.15 South Dakota State+	14-38
O.22 Augustana State+	17-10
O.29 Mankato State	3-27
N. 5 St. Cloud State+	3-43
N.12 Nebraska-Omaha	0-32

Coach: Erv Mondt • Colors: Maroon & White

Nickname: Chiefs • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

MURRAY STATE Murray, KY

S. 3 UT-Martin+*F	34-6
S.10 SE Missouri*F	30-12
S.17 Southern Illinois F	
S.24 Nevada-Reno U	
O. 1 Tennessee Tech+F	24-21
O. 8 Morehead State F	53-15
O.15 Tennessee State+U	
O.29 Eastern Kentucky+U	21-29
N.12 Middle Tennessee+U	9-27
N.19 Austin Peay F	40-0

Coach: Mike Mahoney • Colors: Blue & Gold

Nickname: Racers • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

NAVY Annapolis, MD

S. 3 James Madison+T	
S.10 Delaware+F	31-22
S.17 Temple+U	
S.24 The Citadel*F	
O. 1 Yale+F	
O. 8 Air Force U	13-23
O.22 Pittsburgh U	6-10
O.29 Notre Dame@U	13-56
N. 5 Syracuse U	10-34
N.12 South Carolina U	
D. 3 Army#U	3-17

@ At Baltimore, MD # At Philadelphia, PA

Coach: Elliot Zelazek • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold

Nickname: Midshipmen • 1987 Record: W-2, L-9

NEBRASKA Lincoln, NE

A.27 Texas A&M@*U	
S. 3 Utah State+F	56-12
S.10 UCLA*U	42-33
S.24 Arizona State+F	35-28
O. 1 Nevada-Las Vegas+F	
O. 8 Kansas F	54-2
O.15 Oklahoma State+F	35-0
O.22 Kansas+U	56-3
O.29 Missouri+F	42-7
N. 5 Iowa State F	42-3
N.12 Colorado+F	24-7
N.19 Oklahoma U	7-17

@ At East Rutherford, NJ

Coach: Tom Osborne • Colors: Scarlet & Cream

Nickname: Cornhuskers • 1987 Record: W-10, L-2

NEBRASKA-OMAHA Omaha, NE

S. 3 Wayne State+*	49-0
S.10 Kearney State+	14-0
S.17 South Dakota	6-10
S.24 Mankato State+*	10-42
O. 1 South Dakota State+*	24-28
O. 8 Northern Colorado	21-0
O.15 Augustana (SD)	28-9
O.22 North Dakota+	34-20
O.29 St. Cloud State	7-21
N. 5 North Dakota State	27-21
N.12 Morningside+	32-0

Coach: Sandy Buda • Colors: Crimson & Black

Nickname: Mavericks • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS Las Vegas, NV

S. 3 Baylor*U	14-21
S.17 Fullerton State+U	14-28
S.24 Ohio University+*F	
O. 1 Nebraska U	
O. 8 Pacific*U	30-24
O.15 New Mexico State+*F	29-6
O.22 Tulsa+F	
N. 5 Utah State U	28-27
N.12 Fresno State+U	10-45
N.19 San Jose State+U	24-48
N.26 Long Beach State F	30-17

Coach: Wayne Nulley • Colors: Scarlet & Gray

Nickname: Rebels • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

NEVADA-RENO Reno, NV

S.10 NW Louisiana+F	
S.17 UC - Davis*F	34-17
S.24 Murray State+F	
O. 1 Montana+U	29-41
O. 8 Northern Arizona+U	40-39
O.15 Weber State*U	15-38
O.22 Montana State F	31-13
O.29 Boise State*F	31-36
N. 5 Idaho+U	28-38
N.12 Eastern Washington+F	40-26
N.19 Idaho State*F	40-19

Coach: Chris Ault • Colors: Silver & Blue

Nickname: Wolf Pack • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

NEW HAMPSHIRE Durham, NH

S.10 Colgate U	
S.17 Connecticut+U	21-31
S.24 Maine U	14-28
O. 1 Delaware+F	45-21
O. 8 Richmond U	7-14
O.15 William & Mary F	
O.22 Northeastern+F	24-16
O.29 Boston University F	27-20
N. 5 Villanova+U	
N.12 Rhode Island F	28-14
N.19 Massachusetts+F	17-10

Coach: Bill Bowes • Colors: Blue & White

Nickname: Wildcats • 1987 Record: W-7, L-3

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque, NM

S. 3 Fresno State+*U	
S.10 New Mexico State*F	14-17
S.17 Texas*U	
S.24 Akron+*U	
O. 1 Air Force U	26-73
O. 8 Utah+U	20-24
O.15 Wyoming U	16-59
O.22 Texas-El Paso+U	0-34
O.29 Brigham Young U	25-45
N. 5 Hawaii*U	31-41
N.12 Colorado State+U	13-35
N.19 San Diego State+U	30-53

Coach: Mike Sheppard • Colors: Cherry & Silver

Nickname: Lobos • 1987 Record: W-0, L-11

NEW MEXICO STATE Las Cruces, NM

S. 3 San Jose State+*U	6-57
S.10 New Mexico+*U	17-14
S.17 Fresno State*U	10-34
S.24 Utah State U	6-25
O. 1 Kansas U	
O.15 Nevada-Las Vegas*U	6-29
O.22 Fullerton State+*U	14-48
O.29 Texas-El Paso+U	0-31
N. 5 Akron*U	
N.12 Long Beach State+U	6-33
N.19 Pacific U	7-23

Coach: Mike Knoll • Colors: Crimson & White

Nickname: Aggies • 1987 Record: W-2, L-9

NICHOLLS STATE Thibodaux, LA

S. 3 NE Louisiana + *U	14-26
S.10 Samford*F	
S.17 Weber State*U	
S.24 Louisiana Tech*U	
O. 1 McNeese State + *F	29-7
O. 8 Southern + *F	27-21
O.15 Northwestern State*F	28-31
O.29 SW Texas State U	16-31
N. 5 Stephen F. Austin F	21-24
N.12 Northern Arizona + *U	
N.19 Texas Southern + *F	

Coach: Phil Greco • Colors: Red & Gray
 Nickname: Colonels • 1987 Record: W-5, L-5, T-1

NORTH CAROLINA Chapel Hill, NC

S. 3 South Carolina*U	
S.10 Oklahoma + U	0-28
S.24 Louisville + F	
O. 1 Auburn U	10-20
O. 8 Wake Forest F	14-22
O.15 North Carolina State + F	17-14
O.22 Georgia Tech + F	30-23
O.29 Maryland + F	27-14
N. 5 Clemson U	10-13
N.12 Virginia + U	17-20
N.19 Duke F	10-25

Coach: Mack Brown • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Tar Heels • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

NORTH CAROLINA A&T Greensboro, NC

S. 3 North Carolina Central F	19-38
S.10 Winston-Salem + F	24-10
S.17 South Carolina State + U	0-12
S.24 Morgan State F	35-17
O. 1 Norfolk State F	17-20
O. 8 Florida State*U	
O.15 Western Carolina + U	34-55
O.22 Howard U	21-34
O.29 Bethune-Cookman + F	36-38
N. 5 Delaware State + U	9-41
N.19 Western Kentucky*U	27-45
At Miami, FL	

Coach: Bill Hayes • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Aggies • 1987 Record: W-3, L-8

NORTH CAROLINA STATE Raleigh, NC

S. 3 Western Carolina + *F	
S.17 Wake Forest + U	3-21
S.24 Maryland F	42-14
O. 1 Georgia Tech F	17-0
O. 8 East Tennessee State + F	14-29
O.15 North Carolina U	14-17
O.22 Clemson + U	30-28
O.29 South Carolina + U	0-48
N. 5 Virginia U	31-34
N.12 Duke + U	47-45
N.19 Pittsburgh + U	0-34

Coach: Dick Sheridan • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Wolfpack • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

NORTH DAKOTA Grand Forks, ND

S. 3 Northern Michigan	
S.10 Minnesota-Duluth	
S.17 Augustana (SD)	49-3
S.24 Morningside College +	15-16
O. 1 St. Cloud State	16-13
O. 8 Mankato State +	35-24
O.15 Northern Colorado +	22-17
O.22 Nebraska-Omaha	20-34
O.29 South Dakota State +	9-24
N. 5 South Dakota	30-29
N.12 North Dakota State +	10-42

Coach: Roger Thomas • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Sioux • 1987 Record: W-6, L-4

NORTH DAKOTA STATE Fargo, ND

S.10 Northern Michigan + *	6-10
S.17 South Dakota State	43-7
S.24 Augustana (SD) + *	34-0
O. 1 Morningside*	33-0
O. 8 St. Cloud State +	24-3
O.15 Mankato State	22-28
O.22 Northern Colorado	43-21
O.29 South Dakota +	12-28
N. 5 Nebraska-Omaha +	21-27
N.12 North Dakota	42-10

Coach: Rocky Hager • Colors: Yellow & Green
 Nickname: Bison • 1987 Record: W-6, L-4

NORTHEASTERN Boston, MA

S.10 Towson State T	39-22
S.17 Maine U	21-17
S.24 Central Connecticut + F	
O. 1 Connecticut + U	20-12
O. 8 Youngstown State + U	14-29
O.15 James Madison + U	3-13
O.22 New Hampshire U	16-24
O.29 Massachusetts U	7-27
N. 5 Rhode Island + F	21-3
N.12 Lehigh + F	
N.19 Holy Cross U	

Coach: Paul Pawlak • Colors: Red & Black
 Nickname: Huskies • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA Monroe, LA

S. 3 Nicholls State*F	26-14
S.10 McNeese State*F	37-10
S.17 SW Texas State + *F	44-7
S.24 Arkansas State*F	31-21
O. 1 Stephen F. Austin + *F	
O. 8 North Texas*U	24-23
O.15 Georgia Southern F	26-17
O.22 Northwestern State*U	33-31
O.29 Lamar + *F	28-48
N.12 Sam Houston + *U	
N.19 Louisiana Tech + *F	44-7
At Shreveport, LA	

Coach: Pat Collins • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Indians • 1987 Record: W-13, L-2

NORTHERN ARIZONA Flagstaff, AZ

S. 3 Southern Utah State + *F	
S.10 Eastern Washington + *F	41-24
S.17 Boise State + *F	18-48
O. 1 Idaho U	37-46
O. 8 Nevada-Reno F	39-40
O.15 Montana F	24-17
O.22 Idaho State + F	32-23
O.29 Montana State F	54-21
N. 5 Northern Iowa + *U	
N.12 Nicholls State*U	
N.19 Weber State + *U	17-30

Coach: Larry Kentera • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Lumberjacks • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

NORTHERN COLORADO Greeley, CO

S.10 Abilene Christian*	35-30
S.17 Morningside College*	24-26
S.24 St. Cloud State +	7-13
O. 1 Mankato State	22-28
O. 8 Nebraska-Omaha +	0-21
O.15 North Dakota	17-21
O.22 North Dakota State +	21-43
O.29 Augustana (SD) +	34-20
N. 5 South Dakota State	17-21
N.12 South Dakota +	27-20

Coach: Ron Simonson • Colors: Navy & Gold
 Nickname: Bears • 1987 Record: W-3, L-8

NORTHERN ILLINOIS DeKalb, IL

S. 3 Akron + *F	21-27
S.10 Middle Tennessee State + *F	
S.17 Wisconsin U	52-7
S.24 Minnesota*U	
O. 1 Southwest Missouri State + F	27-21
O. 8 Toledo*F	41-5
O.15 Southwestern Louisiana U	
O.22 Southern Illinois F	
O.29 Ball State + F	17-42
N. 5 Western Illinois + F	29-14
N.12 Western Michigan + F	34-14

Coach: Jerry Pettibone • Colors: Red & Black
 Nickname: Huskies • 1987 Record: W-5, L-5, T-1

NORTHERN IOWA Cedar Falls, IA

S. 3 Pittsburgh*U	
S.17 Morgan State + *F	
S.24 SW Missouri + *F	17-13
O. 1 Western Illinois + F	52-7
O. 8 Iowa State U	38-39
O.15 Illinois State F	48-17
O.22 Eastern Illinois F	19-17
O.29 Indiana State + *F	38-14
N. 5 Northern Arizona*F	
N.12 Wayne State + *F	
N.19 Southern Illinois F	20-3

Coach: TBA • Colors: Purple & Old Gold
 Nickname: Panthers • 1987 Record: W-10, L-4

NORTHERN MICHIGAN Marquette, MI

S. 3 North Dakota	
S.10 North Dakota State*	10-6
S.17 Minnesota-Duluth +	23-14
S.24 Wayne State	
O. 1 Ferris State +	29-14
O. 8 Northwood	60-7
O.15 Grand Valley +	28-0
O.22 Saginaw Valley	44-24
O.29 Hillsdale	17-14
N. 5 Central State (OH) +	
N.12 St. Francis (IL) +	

Coach: Herb Gienke
 Colors: Old Gold & Olive Green
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1987 Record: W-9, L-1

CAL ST., NORTHRIDGE Northridge, CA

S. 3 Hayward State + *F	38-27
S.10 San Francisco State F	45-0
S.17 Sonoma State F	13-6
S.24 Idaho State*U	
O. 1 Cal Poly SLO + U	20-21
O. 8 Cal Lutheran F	36-14
O.15 Portland State + *U	22-38
O.22 UC-Davis + *U	0-28
O.29 Santa Clara*F	7-6
N. 5 Sacramento State + *F	21-16
N.12 Southern Utah F	56-36

Coach: Bob Burt • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Matadors • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

NORTH TEXAS STATE Denton, TX

S. 3 Texas Tech*U	
S.17 Arkansas State + *U	20-27
S.24 Texas*U	
O. 1 Eastern Washington + *F	
O. 8 Northeast Louisiana + *F	23-24
O.15 McNeese State + *F	38-16
O.22 Sam Houston State U	41-24
O.29 Stephen F. Austin F	16-14
N. 5 Northwestern State + F	15-13
N.12 Southwest Texas State F	20-3
N.19 Rice U	

Coach: Corky Nelson • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Mean Green Eagles
 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

NORTHWESTERN Evanston, IL

S. 3 Duke + T	16-31
S.17 Air Force U	
S.24 Army U	
O. 1 Indiana + U	18-35
O. 8 Minnesota*U	33-45
O.15 Michigan State U	0-38
O.22 Wisconsin + U	27-24
O.29 Michigan + U	6-29
N. 5 Iowa U	24-52
N.12 Purdue + U	15-20
N.19 Illinois U	28-10

Coach: Francis Peay • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Wildcats • 1987 Record: W-2, L-8, T-1

NORTHWESTERN ST. Natchitoches, LA

S. 3 SW Missouri State + *F	
S.10 Nevada-Reno U	
S.24 East Texas State + *F	
O. 1 SW Texas State + U	24-21
O. 8 McNeese State*U	39-3
O.15 Nicholls State + *U	31-28
O.22 NE Louisiana*U	31-33
O.29 Sam Houston State + *U	7-34
N. 5 North Texas State U	13-15
N.12 Jackson State*F	26-24
N.19 Stephen F. Austin F	33-21
At Shreveport, LA	

Coach: Sam Goodwin • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Demons • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

NOYRE DAME Notre Dame, IN

S.10 Michigan + *F	26-7
S.17 Michigan State U	31-8
S.24 Purdue + F	44-20
O. 1 Stanford + F	
O. 8 Pittsburgh*F	22-30
O.15 Miami + U	0-24
O.22 Air Force + F	35-14
O.29 Navy*U	56-13
N. 5 Rice + F	
N.19 Penn State + F	20-21
N.26 Southern Cal U	26-15
At Baltimore, MD	

Coach: Lou Holtz • Colors: Gold & Blue
 Nickname: Fighting Irish • 1987 Record: W-8, L-4

OHIO Athens, OH

S.10 Marshall*U	23-15
S.17 Purdue U	
S.24 Nevada-Las Vegas*U	
O. 1 Toledo + U	12-17
O. 8 Bowling Green U	7-28
O.15 Miami (OH) + U	9-10
O.22 Kent State U	10-24
O.29 Eastern Michigan + U	16-34
N. 5 Central Michigan U	17-31
N.12 Ball State + U	17-30
N.19 Western Michigan U	13-31

Coach: Cleve Bryant • Colors: Kelly Green & White
 Nickname: Bobcats • 1987 Record: W-1, L-10

OHIO STATE Columbus, OH

S.10 Syracuse + F	
S.17 Pittsburgh*U	
S.24 Louisiana State + U	13-13
O. 1 Illinois + F	10-6
O. 8 Indiana F	10-31
O.15 Purdue + F	20-17
O.22 Minnesota*F	42-9
O.29 Michigan State U	7-13
N. 5 Wisconsin + F	24-26
N.12 Iowa U	27-29
N.19 Michigan + U	23-20

Coach: John Cooper • Colors: Scarlet & Gray
 Nickname: Buckeyes • 1987 Record: W-6, L-4, T-1

OKLAHOMA Norman, OK

S.10 North Carolina F	28-0
S.17 Arizona + F	
S.24 Southern Cal U	
O. 1 Iowa State + F	56-3
O. 8 Texas*U	44-9
O.15 Kansas State + F	59-10
O.22 Colorado F	24-6
O.29 Kansas + F	71-10
N. 5 Oklahoma State F	29-10
N.12 Missouri F	17-13
N.19 Nebraska*U	17-7
At Dallas, TX	

Coach: Barry Switzer • Colors: Crimson & Cream
 Nickname: Sooners • 1987 Record: W-11, L-1

OKLAHOMA STATE Stillwater, OK

S.10 Miami (OH) + F	
S.24 Texas A&M + *U	
O. 1 Tulsa + *F	39-28
O. 8 Colorado F	42-17
O.15 Nebraska U	0-35
O.22 Missouri + F	24-20
O.29 Kansas State F	56-7
N. 5 Oklahoma + U	10-29
N.12 Kansas + F	49-17
N.19 Iowa State F	48-27
O. 4 Texas Tech*U	
At Tokyo, Japan	

Coach: Pat Jones • Colors: Orange & Black
 Nickname: Cowboys • 1987 Record: W-10, L-2

OREGON Eugene, OR

S.10 Long Beach State + F	
S.17 Washington State F	31-17
S.24 Stanford + F	10-13
O. 1 San Diego State*F	25-20
O. 8 Southern Cal U	34-27
O.15 Idaho State + F	
O.22 Washington + U	29-22
O.29 Arizona State + F	13-37
N. 5 UCLA + U	10-41
N.12 Arizona*U	
N.19 Oregon State F	44-0
O. 3 Hawaii*F	

Coach: Rich Brooks • Colors: Green & Yellow
 Nickname: Ducks • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

OREGON STATE Corvallis, OR

S. 3 Arizona + *U	17-31
S.10 San Jose State U	36-34
S.17 California + *U	
S.24 Colorado U	
O. 1 Fresno State + U	
O. 8 UCLA + U	17-52
O.22 Stanford U	7-38
O.29 Southern Cal + U	14-48
N. 5 Arizona State*U	21-30
N.12 Washington State U	
N.19 Oregon +	0-44

Coach: Dave Kragthorpe • Colors: Orange & Black
 Nickname: Beavers • 1987 Record: W-2, L-9

PACIFIC Stockton, CA

S. 3 Arkansas*U	
S.10 California U	0-42
S.17 Idaho+*U	
S.24 Cal State Fullerton U	22-14
O. 1 Long Beach State*F	6-9
O. 8 Nevada-Las Vegas+*F	24-30
O.15 San Jose State+U	17-42
O.22 Sacramento State*F	31-7
O.29 Utah State U	13-17
N. 5 Fresno State*U	23-22
N.19 New Mexico State+*F	23-7
α At Little Rock, AR	

Coach: Bob Cope • Colors: Orange & Black
 Nickname: Tigers • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

PENN STATE University Park, PA

S.10 Virginia*F	
S.17 Boston College+*F	27-17
S.24 Rutgers+*F	35-21
O. 1 Temple*F	27-13
O. 8 Cincinnati+*F	41-0
O.15 Syracuse+*F	21-48
O.22 Alabama*U	13-24
O.29 West Virginia F	25-21
N. 5 Maryland+*F	21-16
N.12 Pittsburgh+*F	0-10
N.19 Notre Dame U	21-20
α At Birmingham, AL	

Coach: Joe Palermo • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Nittany Lions • 1987 Record: W-8, L-4

PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia, PA

S.17 Dartmouth*F	49-7
S.24 Bucknell+*F	24-32
O. 1 Columbia+*F	23-0
O. 8 Brown*F	38-17
O.15 Colgate+*U	
O.22 Yale+*U	22-28
O.29 Princeton U	7-17
N. 5 Lafayette F	23-14
N.12 Harvard+*U	14-31
N.19 Cornell U	13-17

Coach: Ed Zubrow • Colors: Red & Blue
 Nickname: Quakers • 1987 Record: W-4, L-6

PITTSBURGH Pittsburgh, PA

S. 3 Northern Iowa+*F	
S.17 Ohio State+*F	
S.24 West Virginia+*F	6-3
O. 1 Boston College*F	10-13
O. 8 Notre Dame+*U	30-22
O.15 Temple+*F	21-24
O.22 Navy+*F	10-6
N. 5 Rutgers+*F	17-0
N.12 Penn State U	10-0
N.19 North Carolina State F	34-0
D. 3 Syracuse F	10-24

Coach: Mike Gottfried • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Panthers • 1987 Record: W-8, L-4

PORTLAND STATE Portland, OR

S. 3 Eastern Washington*F	
S.10 Idaho*U	10-17
S.17 Cal Poly SLO+*F	31-7
S.24 Texas A&I+*F	
O. 1 Santa Clara+*F	41-0
O. 8 Indiana (PA)+*F	
O.15 Northridge State*F	38-21
O.22 Southern Utah State+*F	38-6
O.29 Sacramento State*F	24-0
N. 5 Cal Lutheran F	40-7
N.12 Montana+*F	20-3

Coach: Poky Allen • Colors: Green & White
 Nickname: Vikings • 1987 Record: W-11, L-2, T-1

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M Prairie View, TX

S. 3 Texas Southern+*U	21-30
S.10 Stephen F. Austin*U	13-13
S.17 Jackson State*U	12-16
S.24 Southern*U	0-14
O. 1 Grambling*U	7-28
O. 8 Arkansas-Pine Bluff+*U	28-41
O.22 Alabama State*U	7-24
O.29 Miss. Valley State U	20-0
N.12 Alcorn State+*U	19-20
N.19 Langston+*F	35-6
α At Dallas, TX	
α At Austin, TX	

Coach: Haney Catchings • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Panthers • 1987 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

PRINCETON Princeton, NJ

S.17 Cornell F	23-6
S.24 Holy Cross+*U	
O. 1 Brown+*F	7-13
O. 8 Columbia F	38-8
O.15 Bucknell F	
O.22 Harvard+*U	19-24
O.29 Pennsylvania+*F	17-7
N. 5 Colgate+*F	15-39
N.12 Yale F	19-34
N.19 Dartmouth+*F	34-3

Coach: Steve Tosches • Colors: Orange & Black
 Nickname: Tigers • 1987 Record: W-6, L-4

PURDUE West Lafayette, IN

S.10 Washington+*U	10-28
S.17 Ohio University+*F	
S.24 Notre Dame U	20-44
O. 1 Minnesota+*F	19-21
O. 8 Illinois F	9-3
O.15 Ohio State U	17-20
O.22 Iowa+*U	14-38
O.29 Wisconsin U	49-14
N. 5 Michigan State+*U	3-45
N.12 Northwestern F	20-15
N.19 Indiana+*U	14-35

Coach: Fred Akers • Colors: Old Gold & Black
 Nickname: Boilermakers
 1987 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

RHODE ISLAND Kingston, RI

S. 3 Holy Cross U	
S.10 Boston University+*F	13-16
S.17 Delaware U	26-13
S.24 Brown+*U	15-17
O. 1 Villanova U	
O. 8 Massachusetts+*U	7-42
O.15 Maine U	20-24
O.22 Richmond+*U	14-27
N. 5 Northeastern U	3-21
N.12 New Hampshire+*U	14-28
N.19 Connecticut U	7-52

Coach: Bob Griffin • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Rams • 1987 Record: W-1, L-10

RICE Houston, TX

S.10 Indiana+*U	13-35
S.24 Southwestern Louisiana*U	
O. 1 Texas+*U	26-45
O. 8 Texas Christian*U	16-30
O.15 Texas Tech+*U	7-59
O.22 Texas A&M U	21-34
O.29 Arkansas*U	14-38
N. 5 Notre Dame*U	
N.12 Baylor+*U	31-34
N.19 North Texas+*U	
N.26 Houston*U	21-45
α At Little Rock, AR	

Coach: Jerry Berndt • Colors: Blue and Gray
 Nickname: Owls • 1987 Record: W-2, L-9

RICHMOND Richmond, VA

S.10 Connecticut F	14-21
S.17 VMI F	
S.24 Delaware+*F	28-21
O. 1 Maine+*F	17-7
O. 8 New Hampshire+*F	14-7
O.16 Boston University*F	33-24
O.22 Rhode Island F	27-14
O.29 Villanova F	38-35
N. 5 Massachusetts+*F	52-51
N.12 James Madison+*U	3-41
N.19 William & Mary+*F	7-20
α London, England	

Coach: Dai Shraley • Colors: Blue & Red
 Nickname: Spiders • 1987 Record: W-7, L-5

RUTGERS New Brunswick, NJ

S.10 Michigan State U	
S.17 Vanderbilt+*F	13-27
S.24 Penn State U	21-35
O. 1 Cincinnati+*F	10-7
O. 8 Syracuse U	3-20
O.15 Boston College U	39-24
O.22 Army+*F	27-14
O.29 Temple+*F	17-14
N. 5 Pittsburgh U	0-17
N.12 West Virginia+*U	13-37
N.19 Colgate+*F	
α At East Rutherford, NJ	

Coach: Dick Anderson • Colors: Scarlet
 Nickname: Scarlet Knights • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

SACRAMENTO, CAL-ST. Sacramento, CA

S.10 Chico State*F	14-9
S.17 Humboldt State+*F	21-13
S.24 UC-Davis U	10-28
O. 1 Southern Utah*F	19-7
O. 8 Cal Poly SLO*U	21-13
O.15 Santa Clara+*F	5-10
O.22 Pacific*U	7-31
O.29 Portland State+*U	0-24
N. 5 Northridge State*U	16-21
N.12 Cal Lutheran+*F	7-23

Coach: Bob Maltos • Colors: Green & Gold
 Nickname: Hornets • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

SAM HOUSTON STATE Huntsville, TX

S. 3 Angelo State+*F	31-14
S.10 Boise State*F	
S.17 Texas A&I*F	45-35
O. 1 Texas Southern+*F	45-7
O. 8 Lamar+*F	34-21
O.15 Stephen F. Austin+*F	31-17
O.22 North Texas State+*F	24-41
O.29 Northwestern State*F	34-7
N. 5 McNeese State*F	
N.12 NE Louisiana*F	
N.19 SW Texas State+*F	24-21

Coach: Ron Randleman • Colors: Orange & White
 Nickname: Beakats • 1987 Record: W-8, L-3

SAN DIEGO STATE San Diego, CA

S. 3 UCLA*U	14-47
S.11 Air Force+*U	7-49
S.17 Stanford U	40-44
O. 1 Oregon+*U	20-25
O. 8 Wyoming+*U	10-52
O.15 Hawaii+*F	29-21
O.22 Colorado State F	26-12
O.29 Utah F	52-34
N. 5 Brigham Young+*U	21-38
N.12 Texas-El Paso U	33-34
N.19 New Mexico F	53-30

Coach: Denny Stolz • Colors: Scarlet & Black
 Nickname: Aztecs • 1987 Record: W-5, L-7

SAN FRANCISCO STATE

San Francisco, CA

S.10 Northridge State+*U	0-45
S.17 Santa Clara*U	7-28
S.24 Santa Barbara F	
O. 1 Cal-Davis+*U	0-31
O. 8 St. Mary's U	13-30
O.15 Menlo College+*F	
O.22 Chico State+*U	7-26
O.29 Humboldt State+*U	13-13
N. 5 Hayward State U	17-28
N.12 Sonoma State U	7-14

Coach: Vic Rowen • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Gators • 1987 Record: W-1, L-8, T-1

SAN JOSE STATE San Jose, CA

S. 3 New Mexico State*F	57-6
S.10 Oregon State+*F	34-36
S.17 Hawaii*F	
S.24 Washington U	
O. 1 California F	27-25
O. 8 Stanford F	24-17
O.15 Pacific F	42-17
O.22 Utah State+*U	24-14
O.29 Fresno State+*U	20-16
N. 5 Long Beach State+*F	44-16
N.12 Fullerton State F	46-19
N.19 Nevada-Las Vegas F	48-24

Coach: Claude Gilbert • Colors: Gold, White & Blue
 Nickname: Spartans • 1987 Record: W-10, L-2

SANTA CLARA Santa Clara, CA

S. 3 Chico State*F	38-17
S.10 UC-Davis+*U	15-21
S.17 San Francisco State+*F	28-7
S.24 Hayward State F	27-7
O. 1 Portland State*U	0-41
O. 8 Southern Utah State+*F	13-10
O.15 Sacramento State*U	10-5
O.22 Cal Lutheran F	29-11
O.29 Northridge State+*U	6-7
N. 5 St. Mary's F	25-31
N.12 Cal Poly SLO+*U	31-33

Coach: Terry Malley • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Broncos • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

SONOMA STATE Rohnert Park, CA

S.10 Cal Lutheran F	
S.17 Cal. St. Northridge+*F	
S.24 Menlo+*F	
O. 1 Cal St. Hayward+*F	
O. 8 UC Santa Barbara U	
O.15 UC Davis*U	
O.22 Humboldt St.+*F	
O.29 St. Mary's F	
N. 5 Cal St. Chico*F	
N.12 San Fran. St.+*F	

Coach: Marly Fine • Colors: Navy Blue & White
 Nickname: Cossacks • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia, SC

S. 3 North Carolina+*F	
S.10 Western Carolina+*F	31-6
S.17 East Carolina+*F	34-12
S.24 Georgia+*F	6-13
O. 1 Appalachian State+*F	24-3
O. 8 Virginia Tech F	40-10
O.15 Georgia Tech F	
O.29 North Carolina State F	48-0
N. 5 Florida State+*U	
N.12 Navy+*F	
N.19 Clemson U	20-7

Coach: Joe Morrison • Colors: Garnet & Black
 Nickname: Fighting Gamecocks
 1987 Record: W-8, L-4

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

Orangeburg, SC

S. 3 Furman U	7-25
S.17 North Carolina A&T F	12-0
S.24 Howard+*U	22-31
O. 1 Elizabeth City State+*F	39-6
O. 8 Morgan State+*F	41-14
O.15 Bethune Cookman*F	41-20
O.22 Florida A&M*U	20-10
O.29 Delaware State U	7-28
N. 5 Virginia Union+*F	22-24
N.12 Grambling+*F	15-13
N.19 Georgia Southern U	13-30

Coach: Dennis Thomas • Colors: Garnet & Blue
 Nickname: Bulldogs • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

SOUTH DAKOTA Vermillion, SD

S. 3 Wisconsin-Stevens Point+*	
S.10 Central Missouri State	38-14
S.17 Nebraska-Omaha+*	10-6
S.24 South Dakota State+*	30-21
O. 1 Augustana (SD)+*	17-0
O. 8 Morrisville+*	16-7
O.15 St. Cloud State	10-13
O.22 Mankato State+*	17-23
O.29 North Dakota State	28-12
N. 5 North Dakota+*	29-30
N.12 Northern Colorado	20-27

Coach: Dave Triplett • Colors: Red & White
 Nickname: Coyotes • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE Brookings, SD

S. 3 Central Missouri State+*	21-17
S.10 Montana	
S.17 North Dakota State+*	7-43
S.24 South Dakota	21-30
O. 1 Nebraska-Omaha*	28-24
O. 8 Augustana (SD)+*	17-28
O.15 Morrisville College	38-14
O.22 St. Cloud State	10-33
O.29 North Dakota	24-9
N. 5 Northern Colorado+*	21-17
N.12 Mankato State	21-26

Coach: Wayne Haensel • Colors: Yellow & Blue
 Nickname: Jackrabbits • 1987 Record: W-5, L-5

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, CA

S. 1 Boston College*F	23-17
S.10 Stanford F	39-24
S.24 Oklahoma+*F	
O. 1 Arizona*F	12-10
O. 8 Oregon+*F	27-34
O.15 Washington+*F	37-23
O.29 Oregon State F	48-14
N. 5 California+*F	31-14
N.12 Arizona State*F	
N.19 UCLA F	17-13
N.26 Notre Dame+*F	15-26

Coach: Larry Smith • Colors: Cardinal & Gold
 Nickname: Trojans • 1987 Record: W-8, L-4

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Carbondale, IL

S. 3 Western Illinois*U	15-21
S.17 Murray State+U	
S.24 Illinois State*U	38-7
O. 1 Arkansas State+U	9-33
O. 8 Eastern Illinois*U	32-27
O.15 Indiana State+F	15-24
O.22 Northern Illinois+U	
O.29 Kentucky*U	
N. 5 SW Missouri State U	13-18
N.12 Youngstown State U	
N.19 Northern Iowa+U	3-20

Coach: Rick Rhoades • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Salukis • 1987 Record: W-3, L-8

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Hattiesburg, MS

S. 3 Stephen F. Austin+F	
S.10 Florida State*U	10-61
S.17 Virginia Tech+F	
S.24 East Carolina U	38-34
O. 1 Louisville+F	65-6
O. 8 Tulane*U	31-24
O.15 Mississippi State*U	18-14
O.22 SW Louisiana*F	30-37
O.29 Memphis State+U	17-14
N. 5 Auburn U	
N.12 Louisiana Tech+U	

(c) At Jackson, MS

Coach: Curley Hallman • Colors: Black & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Eagles • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Baton Rouge, LA

S.10 Alabama State+*F	14-10
S.17 Texas Southern*F	33-13
S.24 Prairie View A&M+*F	14-0
O. 1 Miss. Valley State+*F	17-14
O. 8 Nicholls State*U	21-27
O.15 Jackson State+*U	0-14
O.22 Alcorn State+*U	17-19
O.29 Florida A&M+*F	17-24
N. 5 Bethune-Cookman*F	
N.12 Tennessee State*F	14-7
N.26 Grambling F	27-21

Coach: Marino Casem • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Jaguars • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Lafayette, LA

S. 3 Fullerton State+*F	
S.24 Rice+*F	
O. 1 East Carolina F	
O. 8 Louisiana Tech F	
O.15 Northern Illinois+F	
O.22 Southern Mississippi+*U	37-30
O.29 Tulane*U	10-38
N. 5 Memphis State U	31-7
N.12 Alabama*U	10-38
N.19 Arkansas State+*F	

(c) At Birmingham, AL

Coach: Nelson Stokley • Colors: Vermilion & White
 Nickname: Ragin' Cajuns • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

Springfield, MO

S. 3 NW Louisiana State*U	
S.10 Missouri Southern+*F	
S.17 Western Illinois+*U	19-20
S.24 Northern Iowa*U	13-17
O. 1 Northern Illinois U	21-27
O. 8 Indiana State*F	42-0
O.15 Western Kentucky+U	
O.29 Eastern Illinois+F	3-7
N. 5 Southern Illinois+F	18-13
N.12 Illinois State F	31-15

Coach: Jesse Branch • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Bears • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

SOUTHWEST TEXAS San Marcos, TX

S. 3 Texas A&I*U	0-20
S.10 Lamar*F	27-19
S.17 Northeast Louisiana*U	7-44
S.24 Stephen F. Austin State+*F	7-3
O. 1 Northwestern State F	21-24
O. 8 Baylor U	15-36
O.15 Texas Southern+*T	
O.22 McNeese State+F	26-14
O.29 Nicholls State+F	31-16
N.12 North Texas State+U	3-20
N.19 Sam Houston State U	21-24

Coach: John O'Hara • Colors: Maroon & Gold
 Nickname: Bobcats • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

STANFORD Stanford, CA

S.10 Southern Cal+U	24-39
S.17 San Diego State+F	44-40
S.24 Oregon U	13-10
O. 1 Notre Dame U	
O. 8 San Jose State+U	17-24
O.15 Arizona State+F	
O.22 Oregon State+F	38-7
O.29 Washington U	21-31
N. 5 Washington State+F	44-7
N.12 UCLA U	0-49
N.19 California U	31-7

Coach: Jack Erway • Colors: Cardinal & White
 Nickname: Cardinal • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN Nacogdoches, TX

S. 3 Southern Mississippi*U	
S.10 Prairie View A&M+*F	13-13
S.17 Lamar+*F	26-28
S.24 SW Texas State*U	3-7
O. 1 NE Louisiana*U	
O.15 Sam Houston State U	17-31
O.22 Eastern Washington+*F	0-3
O.29 North Texas State+U	14-16
N. 5 Nicholls State+U	24-21
N.12 McNeese State+U	8-20
N.19 Northwestern State+U	21-33

Coach: Jim Hess • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Lumberjacks
 1987 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

SYRACUSE Syracuse, NY

S. 3 Temple+*F	
S.10 Ohio State U	
S.24 Virginia Tech+F	35-21
O. 1 Maryland+F	25-11
O. 8 Rutgers+F	20-3
O.15 Penn State U	48-21
O.22 East Carolina F	
N. 5 Navy+F	34-10
N.12 Boston College U	45-17
N.19 West Virginia U	32-31
D. 3 Pittsburgh+U	24-10

Coach: Dick MacPherson • Colors: Orange
 Nickname: Orangemen
 1987 Record: W-11, L-0, T-1

TEMPLE Philadelphia, PA

S. 3 Syracuse*U	
S.10 Alabama+*U	
S.17 Navy F	
O. 1 Penn State+*U	13-21
O.15 Pittsburgh U	24-21
O.22 California U	
O.29 Rutgers U	14-17
N. 5 East Carolina+F	26-31
N.12 Akron*F	23-3
N.19 Tulsa F	17-24
N.26 Boston College+U	7-28

Coach: Bruce Arians • Colors: Cherry & White
 Nickname: Owls • 1987 Record: W-3, L-8

TENNESSEE Knoxville, TN

S. 3 Georgia U	
S.10 Duke+*F	
S.17 LSU+*U	
S.24 Auburn U	20-20
O. 1 Washington State+F	
O.15 Alabama+U	22-41
O.22 Memphis State F	
N. 5 Boston College+F	18-20
N.12 Mississippi F	55-13
N.19 Kentucky+F	24-22
N.26 Vanderbilt F	38-36

Coach: Johnny Majors • Colors: Orange & White
 Nickname: Volunteers • 1987 Record: W-10, L-2, T-1

UT-CHATTANOOGA Chattanooga, TN

S. 3 Tulane U	
S.10 Georgia Tech U	
S.17 Georgia Southern+*U	
S.24 Tennessee Tech*F	13-20
O. 1 East Tennessee State+U	14-34
O. 8 Western Carolina+U	13-11
O.15 The Citadel*F	22-19
O.22 Marshall University*U	26-28
O.29 Western Kentucky*U	17-20
N. 5 Furman+U	16-14
N.12 Appalachian State+U	3-17

Coach: Buddy Nix • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Moccasins • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

TENNESSEE STATE Nashville, TN

S. 3 Middle Tennessee State*U	19-55
S.10 Jackson State+*U	17-17
S.17 Mississippi Valley*U	
S.24 Florida A&M+*F	21-16
O. 1 Eastern Kentucky*U	
O. 8 Grambling*U	9-51
O.15 Murray State F	
O.22 Morehead State F	
O.29 Tennessee Tech+F	
N. 5 Austin Peay F	
N.12 Southern+*U	7-14

(c) At Memphis, TN

Coach: William Thomas • Colors: Blue & White
 Nickname: Tigers • 1987 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

TENNESSEE TECH Cookeville, TN

S. 3 East Carolina*U	
S.10 Liberty F	43-23
S.17 Samford+*F	
S.24 UT-Chattanooga+*U	20-13
O. 1 Murray State*U	21-24
O.15 Eastern Kentucky U	8-44
O.22 Western Kentucky+U	
O.29 Tennessee State U	
N. 5 Morehead State+U	52-14
N.12 Austin Peay+*U	14-9
N.19 Middle Tenn. State U	13-17

Coach: Jim Ragland • Colors: Purple & Gold
 Nickname: Golden Eagles • 1987 Record: W-6, L-5

TEXAS Austin, TX

S. 8 Brigham Young*F	17-22
S.17 New Mexico+*F	
S.24 North Texas+*F	
O. 1 Rice*F	45-26
O. 8 Oklahoma*U	9-44
O.15 Arkansas+U	16-14
O.29 Texas Tech F	41-27
N. 5 Houston+F	40-60
N.12 Texas Christian F	24-21
N.19 Baylor F	34-16
N.24 Texas A&M+*U	13-20

(c) At Dallas, TX

Coach: David McWilliams
 Colors: Burnt Orange & White
 Nickname: Longhorns • 1987 Record: W-7, L-5

TEXAS A&I Kingsville, TX

S. 3 SW Texas+*F	20-0
S.10 Texas Southern*U	
S.17 Sam Houston State+*U	35-45
S.24 Portland State U	
O. 1 Cameron+*F	39-20
O. 8 East Texas State*F	42-6
O.15 Central State (OK)+*F	21-15
O.22 West Texas State+*F	44-20
O.29 Eastern New Mexico F	30-7
N. 5 Abilene Christian+*F	35-28
N.12 Angelo State U	6-13

Coach: Ron Harris • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Javelinas • 1987 Record: W-9, L-2

TEXAS A&M College Station, TX

A.27 Nebraska*U	
S. 3 LSU*F	3-17
S.17 Alabama+*F	
S.24 Oklahoma State*F	
O. 1 Texas Tech+F	21-27
O. 8 Houston F	22-17
O.15 Baylor+F	34-10
O.22 Rice+F	34-21
N. 5 Louisiana Tech+F	32-3
N.12 Arkansas F	14-0
N.19 Texas Christian+F	42-24
N.24 Texas*F	20-13

Coach: Jackie Sherrill • Colors: Maroon & White
 Nickname: Aggies • 1987 Record: W-10, L-2

TEXAS CHRISTIAN Fort Worth, TX

S.10 Georgia U	
S.17 Bowling Green+*F	
S.24 Boston College+*U	20-38
O. 1 Arkansas U	10-20
O. 8 Rice+*F	30-16
O.15 Brigham Young U	33-12
O.22 Baylor+F	24-0
O.29 Houston*F	35-7
N. 5 Texas Tech+F	35-36
N.12 Texas+U	21-24
N.19 Texas A&M U	24-42

Coach: Jim Wacker • Colors: Purple & White
 Nickname: Horned Frogs • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

TEXAS-EL PASO El Paso, TX

S. 3 Mankato State+*F	
S.10 Weber State+*F	
S.17 Brigham Young U	24-37
S.24 Tulsa*F	
O. 1 Utah+*F	30-24
O. 8 Hawaii*F	37-13
O.15 Colorado State+*F	45-6
O.22 New Mexico F	34-0
O.29 New Mexico State F	31-0
N. 5 Wyoming F	13-37
N.12 San Diego State+F	34-33
N.19 Air Force+*F	7-35

Coach: Bob Stull • Colors: Orange, White & Blue
 Nickname: Miners • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

TEXAS SOUTHERN Houston, TX

S. 3 Prairie View*F	30-21
S.10 Texas A&I+*F	
S.17 Southern University+*U	13-33
S.24 Alabama State*U	31-9
O. 1 Sam Houston State*U	7-45
O. 8 Alcorn State U	21-24
O.15 SW Texas State*U	
O.22 Mississippi Valley State+*U	31-17
O.29 Grambling+*U	9-30
N. 5 Jackson State*U	14-33
N.19 Nicholls State*U	

(c) At Mobile, AL

Coach: Lionel Taylor • Colors: Maroon & Gray
 Nickname: Tigers • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

TEXAS TECH Lubbock, TX

S. 3 North Texas State+*F	
S.10 Arizona*U	
S.24 Baylor+*F	22-36
O. 1 Texas A&M U	27-21
O. 8 Arkansas*U	0-31
O.15 Rice*F	59-7
O.29 Texas+*U	27-41
N. 5 Texas Christian U	36-35
N.12 Lamar+*F	43-14
N.19 Houston+*F	10-10
D. 4 Oklahoma State*U	

(c) At Tokyo, Japan

(c) At Little Rock, AR

Coach: Spike Dykes • Colors: Scarlet & Black
 Nickname: Red Raiders • 1987 Record: W-6, L-4, T-1

TOLEDO Toledo, OH

S. 3 Ball State U	21-17
S.10 Western Michigan+*U	14-21
S.17 McNeese State*F	
S.24 Bowling Green+*U	6-20
O. 1 Ohio University F	17-12
O. 8 Northern Illinois+*U	5-41
O.15 Austin Peay+*F	
O.22 Miami (OH) U	37-25
O.29 Kent State+*U	13-17
N. 5 Eastern Michigan*U	9-38
N.12 Central Michigan+U	17-17

Coach: Dan Simrell • Colors: Blue & Gold
 Nickname: Rockets • 1987 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

TOWSON STATE Towson, MD

S.10 Northeastern+*T	22-39
S.17 Indiana (PA) F	7-10
S.24 Delaware State U	17-40
O. 8 Howard U	30-14
O.15 Youngstown State U	
O.22 Lehigh F	
O.29 James Madison+U	19-21
N. 5 New Haven+*F	7-21
N.12 Maine+*U	17-14
N.19 Liberty+*F	14-31

Coach: Phil Albert • Colors: Gold & White
 Nickname: Tigers • 1987 Record: W-4, L-6

TULANE New Orleans, LA

S. 3 Tennessee-Chattanooga+*F	
S.10 Iowa State F	25-12
S.17 Kansas State+*F	
S.24 Memphis State+*F	36-45
O. 1 Florida State+*U	14-73
O. 8 Southern Mississippi*U	24-31
O.22 Louisville+F	40-42
O.29 SW Louisiana+*F	38-10
N. 5 Mississippi F	31-24
N.19 Mississippi State+F	30-19
N.26 Louisiana State*U	35-41

(c) At Jackson, MS

Coach: Greg Davis • Colors: Olive Green & Sky Blue
 Nickname: Green Wave • 1987 Record: W-6, L-6

TULSA Tulsa, OK

S. 3 Kansas State+*F	37-25
S.10 Arkansas U	15-30
S.24 Texas-El Paso+*U	
O. 1 Oklahoma State*U	28-39
O. 8 Louisville*F	26-22
O.15 Houston U	
O.22 Nevada-Las Vegas*U	
N. 5 Miami U	
N.12 Memphis State U	0-14
N.19 Temple+*U	24-17
N.26 Colorado State+*U	

Coach: Dave Rader • Colors: Gold & Blue

Nickname: Golden Hurricane

1987 Record: W-3, L-8

UCLA Los Angeles, CA

S. 3 San Diego State+*F	47-14
S.10 Nebraska+*F	33-42
S.17 Long Beach State+*F	
O. 1 Washington F	47-14
O. 8 Oregon State+*F	52-17
O.15 California F	42-18
O.22 Arizona*F	34-24
O.29 Washington State+*F	
N. 5 Oregon F	41-10
N.12 Stanford+*F	49-0
N.19 Southern Cal+U	13-17

Coach: Terry Donahue • Colors: Navy Blue & Gold

Nickname: Bruins • 1987 Record: W-10, L-2

UTAH Salt Lake City, UT

S.10 Idaho State+*F	51-16
S.17 Illinois U	
S.24 Hawaii+*F	14-25
O. 1 Texas-El Paso*U	24-30
O. 8 New Mexico F	24-20
O.15 Air Force+U	27-48
O.22 Wyoming U	7-31
O.29 San Diego State+U	34-52
N. 5 Colorado State+*F	24-23
N.12 Utah State U	36-41
N.19 Brigham Young+U	18-21

Coach: Jim Fassel • Colors: Crimson & White

Nickname: Utes • 1987 Record: W-5, L-7

UTAH STATE Logan, UT

S. 3 Nebraska U	12-56
S.10 Missouri U	
S.24 New Mexico State+*F	25-6
S.30 Brigham Young*U	24-45
O. 8 Long Beach State+*F	17-14
O.15 Fresno State*F	17-13
O.22 San Jose State F	14-24
O.29 Pacific+*F	17-13
N. 5 Nevada-Las Vegas+*	27-28
N.12 Utah+*F	41-36
N.19 Fullerton State F	11-30

Coach: Chuck Shelton • Colors: Navy Blue & White

Nickname: Aggies • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

VANDERBILT Nashville, TN

S.10 Mississippi State+*U	
S.17 Rutgers+*U	27-13
S.24 Alabama U	23-30
O. 1 Duke+*F	31-35
O. 8 Georgia U	24-52
O.15 Florida+*U	
O.22 Mississippi+*F	14-42
N. 5 Kentucky F	38-29
N.12 Army F	
N.19 Memphis State F	27-17
N.26 Tennessee+U	36-38
α At East Rutherford, NJ	

Coach: Watson Brown • Colors: Black & Gold

Nickname: Commodores • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

VILLANOVA Villanova, PA

S. 3 Wake Forest+U	
S.10 Bucknell U	
S.24 Boston University F	14-7
O. 1 Rhode Island+*F	
O. 8 Connecticut F	23-24
O.15 Delaware+*F	
O.22 William & Mary U	
O.29 Richmond+U	35-38
N. 5 New Hampshire F	
N.12 Massachusetts F	44-27
N.19 Maine+*F	

Coach: Andy Talley • Colors: Blue & White

Nickname: Wildcats • 1987 Record: W-6, L-4

VIRGINIA Charlottesville

S. 3 William & Mary+*F	
S.10 Penn State+*U	
S.17 Georgia Tech+*F	23-14
S.24 Duke*F	42-17
O. 8 Clemson+U	21-38
O.15 Louisville F	
O.22 Wake Forest F	35-21
O.29 Virginia Tech F	14-13
N. 5 North Carolina State+*F	34-31
N.12 North Carolina F	20-17
N.19 Maryland+*F	19-21

Coach: George Welsh • Colors: Orange & Blue

Nickname: Cavaliers • 1987 Record: W-8, L-4

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

Lexington, VA

S. 3 East Tenn. State*U	20-13
S.10 William & Mary U	6-17
S.17 Richmond+U	
S.24 Marshall+U	7-42
O. 1 Furman U	0-38
O. 8 Appalachian State+U	10-27
O.22 James Madison U	17-20
O.29 Wolford+*F	27-11
N. 5 Georgia Tech U	
N.12 The Citadel+*F	7-3
N.19 Western Carolina+U	
α At Norfolk, Va.	

Coach: Eddie Williamson

Colors: Red, White & Yellow

Nickname: Keydets • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

VIRGINIA TECH Blacksburg, VA

S. 3 Clemson U	10-22
S.10 East Carolina+U	23-32
S.17 Southern Mississippi U	
S.24 Syracuse U	21-35
O. 1 West Virginia+U	16-28
O. 8 South Carolina+U	10-40
O.15 Cincinnati*F	21-20
O.29 Virginia+U	13-14
N. 5 Louisville*F	
N.12 Florida State U	
N.19 James Madison+U	

Coach: Frank Beamer • Colors: Orange & Maroon

Nickname: Gobblers, Hokies

1987 Record: W-2, L-9

WAKE FOREST Winston-Salem, NC

S. 3 Villanova F	
S.10 Illinois State+*F	
S.17 North Carolina State F	21-3
S.24 Michigan U	
O. 8 North Carolina+U	22-14
O.15 Maryland F	0-14
O.22 Virginia+U	21-35
O.29 Clemson+U	17-31
N. 5 Duke F	30-27
N.12 Georgia Tech+*F	33-6
N.19 Appalachian State+*F	16-12

Coach: Bill Dooley • Colors: Old Gold & Black

Nickname: Demon Deacons • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

WASHINGTON Seattle, WA

S.10 Purdue F	28-10
S.17 Army+*F	
S.24 San Jose State+*F	
O. 1 UCLA+*U	14-47
O. 8 Arizona State*F	27-14
O.15 Southern Cal U	23-37
N.12 Army F	
O.22 Oregon F	22-29
O.29 Stanford+*F	31-21
N. 5 Arizona+*F	21-21
N.12 California+*F	
N.19 Washington State F	34-19

Coach: Don James • Colors: Purple & Gold

Nickname: Huskies • 1987 Record: W-7, L-7, T-1

WASHINGTON STATE Pullman, WA

S. 3 Illinois F	
S.10 Minnesota U	
S.17 Oregon+U	17-31
O. 1 Tennessee U	
O. 8 California+U	17-17
O.15 Arizona*U	45-28
O.22 Arizona State+U	7-38
O.29 UCLA U	
N. 5 Stanford U	7-44
N.12 Oregon State+*F	
N.19 Washington+U	19-34

Coach: Dennis Erickson • Colors: Crimson & Gray

Nickname: Cougars • 1987 Record: W-3, L-7, T-1

WEBER STATE Ogden, UT

S.10 Texas-El Paso*U	
S.17 Nicholls State+*F	
S.24 Southern Utah State+*F	36-26
O. 1 Boise State*F	55-44
O. 8 Idaho State+*F	53-37
O.15 Nevada-Reno+*F	38-15
O.22 Idaho*U	41-38
O.29 Montana+*F	29-26
N. 5 Eastern Washington F	46-23
N.12 Montana State+*F	35-32
N.19 Northern Arizona*F	30-17

Coach: Mike Price • Colors: Royal Blue & White

Nickname: Wildcats • 1987 Record: W-10, L-3

WESTERN CAROLINA Cullowhee, NC

S. 3 North Carolina State*U	
S.10 South Carolina*U	6-31
S.17 East Tenn. State+*U	37-20
O. 1 The Citadel+*F	24-38
O. 8 UT-Chattanooga*F	11-13
O.15 North Carolina A&T F	55-34
O.22 Eastern Kentucky+U	
O.29 Furman F	20-14
N. 5 Appalachian State F	13-33
N.12 Marshall+U	16-47
N.19 VMI F	

Coach: Bob Waters • Colors: Purple & Gold

Nickname: Catamounts • 1987 Record: W-4, L-7

WESTERN ILLINOIS Macomb, IL

S. 3 Southern Illinois+*F	21-15
S.10 Grand Valley State+*F	
S.17 Southwest Missouri State*F	20-19
S.24 Indiana State*F	42-12
O. 1 Northern Iowa U	7-52
O. 8 Northwest Missouri State+*F	
O.15 Eastern Illinois+*F	21-12
O.22 Liberty University F	24-14
O.29 Illinois State+*F	31-22
N. 5 Northern Illinois U	14-29
N.12 Delaware State U	

Coach: Bruce Craddock • Colors: Purple & Old Gold

Nickname: Leathernecks • 1987 Record: W-7, L-4

WESTERN KENTUCKY

Bowling Green, KY	
S.17 Middle Tenn. State F	28-16
S.24 Eastern Kentucky+*U	10-20
O. 1 Austin Peay+*F	27-0
O. 8 Illinois State*F	
O.15 SW Missouri F	
O.22 Tennessee Tech F	
O.29 UT-Chattanooga+*F	20-17
N. 5 Eastern Illinois F	30-15
N.12 Louisville F	
N.19 North Carolina A&T+*F	45-27

Coach: Dave Roberts • Colors: Red & White

Nickname: Hilltoppers • 1987 Record: W-7, L-3

WESTERN MICHIGAN Kalamazoo, MI

S. 3 Wisconsin U	
S.10 Toledo*F	7-28
S.17 Illinois State+*F	
O. 1 Bowling Green+U	3-17
O. 8 Miami (OH) U	27-17
O.15 Kent State+U	27-7
O.22 Eastern Michigan*U	14-21
O.29 Central Michigan+U	10-18
N. 5 Ball State U	10-24
N.12 Northern Illinois U	
N.19 Ohio University+*F	45-17

Coach: Al Molde • Colors: Brown & Gold

Nickname: Broncos • 1987 Record: W-3, L-8

WEST TEXAS STATE Canyon, TX

S. 3 Lamar U	
S.24 NW Missouri F	33-21
O. 1 Angelo State+U	7-36
O. 8 Cameron U	
O.15 East Texas State+*F	35-34
O.22 Texas A&I U	20-44
O.29 Central State (OK) F	25-8
N. 5 Eastern New Mexico+U	29-7
N.12 Abilene Christian U	17-27

Coach: Steve Graf • Colors: Maroon & White

Nickname: Buffaloes • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

WEST VIRGINIA Morgantown, WV

S. 3 Bowling Green+*F	
S.10 Fullerton State+*F	
S.17 Maryland+*F	20-25
S.24 Pittsburgh U	3-6
O. 1 Virginia Tech F	28-16
O. 8 East Carolina F	49-0
O.22 Boston College+*F	37-16
O.29 Penn State+*U	21-25
N. 5 Cincinnati F	45-17
N.12 Rutgers F	37-13
N.19 Syracuse+*F	31-32

Coach: Don Nehlen • Colors: Old Gold & Blue

Nickname: Mountaineers • 1987 Record: W-6, L-6

WILLIAM & MARY Williamsburg, VA

S. 3 Virginia U	
S.10 VMI+*F	17-6
S.17 Lehigh+*F	28-27
S.24 James Madison U	22-28
O. 8 Delaware U	14-38
O.15 New Hampshire+*U	
O.22 Villanova+*F	
O.29 Purdue+U	14-49
N. 5 Ohio State U	26-24
N.12 Minnesota+*F	19-22
N.19 Richmond U	20-7

Coach: Jim Laycock • Colors: Green, Gold & Silver

Nickname: Tribe, Indians • 1987 Record: W-5, L-6

WISCONSIN Madison, WI

S. 3 Western Michigan+*F	
S.17 Northern Illinois+*F	
S.10 Miami U	
O. 1 Michigan+U	0-49
O. 8 Iowa U	10-31
O.15 Illinois+*F	14-16
O.22 Northwestern F	24-27
O.31 Purdue+*F	14-49
N. 5 Ohio State U	26-24
N.12 Minnesota+*F	19-22
N.19 Michigan State U	9-30

Coach: Don Morton • Colors: Cardinal & White

Nickname: Badgers • 1987 Record: W-3, L-8

WYOMING Laramie, WY

S. 1 Brigham Young+*U	29-27
S.10 Louisville F	
S.17 Louisiana Tech+*F	
S.24 Air Force U	27-13
O. 1 Fullerton State+*F	
O. 8 San Diego State*F	52-10
O.15 New Mexico+*F	59-16
O.22 Utah+*F	31-7
O.29 Colorado State F	20-15
N. 5 Texas-El Paso+U	37-13
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Nickname: Cowboys, Pokes • 1987 Record: W-10, L-3

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Coach: Carmen Cozza • Colors: Blue & White

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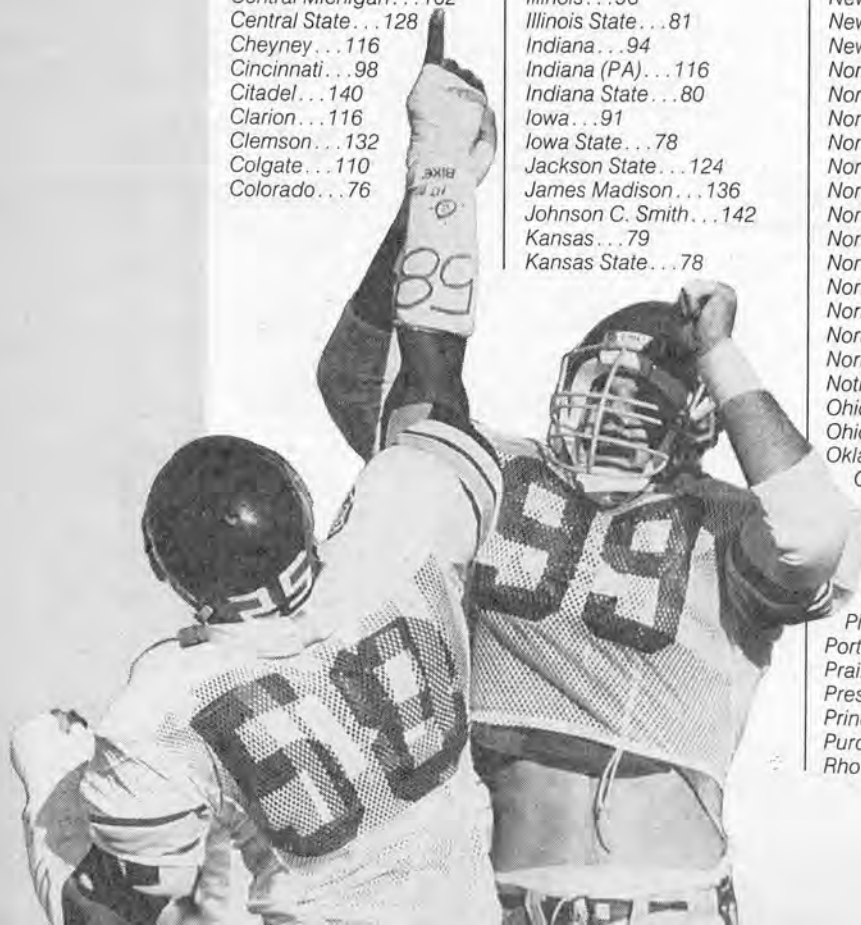
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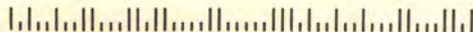
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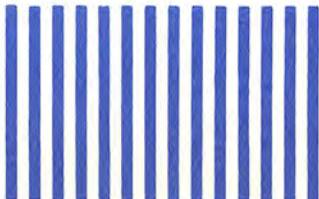
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